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LOST HIS CLOTHES

Railroad Man Missed a Suit and Shoes from Room

OSCAR SCHULER INSANE

Tried Today in County Court Before Judge Hammer—No Business in the Circuit Court To-Day.

A railroad man named McMillan, who boards at Martin's restaurant on North Jasper street, had the unpleasant experience of losing his clothes. He is away from his boarding place a good deal of the time while working on the road. He left a suit of clothes and a pair of shoes in his room and today it was discovered that they had been stolen. The man applied to the police headquarters and made complaint and he was told to go to Officer Ed Leach and have the matter investigated. This afternoon Officer Leach had not heard anything of the matter.

Melvin Tice, the 12 year old boy, who was taken up by the police yesterday is still in custody. He is at the police station and is being cared for until his father, who has been telegraphed, gives some directions as to what is to be done with the child.

DECLARED INSANE.

Oscar Shuler Tried in County Court Today Before Judge Hammer.

Oscar Shuler was before Judge Hammer in the county court today to be tried for his sanity. His wife petitioned the court to have an investigation made. A jury found Shuler to be insane and he was committed to the insane asylum at Kankakee. The jurors before whom the case was tried were Dr. M. A. Majors, W. W. Foster, Thomas Richardson, W. C. Pluck, Jr., Harvey Mahannah and John Miller. Shuler has been at his father's farm near Orcana for several weeks past and was brought to the city this morning.

NO BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

The circuit court convened this morning but there was no business to be transacted and a recess was taken until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

PERSONAL TAX NOTICE.

All persons having Personal Tax against them on the tax books for 1897, have been mailed a card stating the amount for the same. You are requested to call at my office and pay the same and save additional costs.

Bring your postal cards with you. Leave your receipts for last year in order to expediate the finding of property.

Office open evenings until 9 o'clock.

LANDY H. MARTIN,
Collector.

Meeting at Wesley.

Last evening the regular meeting of the Epworth League of Wesley chapel was conducted by the members of the Epworth League of Asbury chapel. The devotional exercises were led by C. A. Bentley. Following the meeting the following program was given by the members of the E. L. of Wesley chapel:

Song, quartet—Misses Effie and Myrtle Cramer, Maude Hard, Dollie Dixon.
Vocal Solo—Miss Maude Davis.
Recitation—Lelah Garver.
Vocal Solo—Miss Effie Cramer.
Reading—Anna Towling.

Will Go to Springfield.

Fred Richter, carpet layer at Linn & Scruggs, has resigned his position to accept a similar one with the Springfield Carpet Co. at Springfield. Mr. Richter will leave on Monday morning to assume his new duties and his family will follow the middle of the week.

Your Grocer

Will furnish you with the best at all times if you demand it. Ask for Kin-Hee, Mocha and Java. If he should not have it in stock he will only too gladly get it for you.

A thousand Broadlands citizens have petitioned the C. & E. I. railroad for an early morning train.

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ALL QUIET AT WASHINGTON

Waiting for the Result of the Maine Investigation at Washington.

DENY WAR RUMORS

Stories Afloat at National Capital --Crisis Not Yet at Hand.

Peaceful in New York Harbor—Spanish Captain Asks That Guards be Removed—Will Trust American Honor for Safety.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The state and navy departments received several dispatches from Havana this morning. They do not throw any light on the cause of the Maine catastrophe. The officials have about made up their minds that nothing definite will be known for several days. General Lee has telegraphed that there is great need of divers to get the effects and bodies from the wreck. Only two are at work where there is room for 12 or 15. One hundred and forty-three bodies have been buried. Very few were found today, but over 100 are supposed to be still in the ship. General Lee was notified that his request would be complied with.

DENIAL OF RUMORS.

Inquiry at the leading foreign embassies and legations fail to confirm the rumors that members of the diplomatic corps have reached the conclusion that a crisis in Spanish affairs is near, and that several foreign representatives have notified their governments that war is inevitable

The Viscaya's Safety.

New York, Feb. 21.—At the request of Captain Eulate, commander of the Spanish warship Viscaya, boats with police and United States marines, patroling her neighborhood, have been withdrawn. Captain Eulate thinks them unnecessary and says he is willing to trust his ship to American honor.

The Stock Jobbers.

New York, Feb. 21.—Stocks slumped sharply this morning on the possible complications arising out of the Maine disaster. There was a cut in Klondike rates and heavy holders sold, ready to have the market get lower before buying again, so they gave the market little support. Later the market rallied quite sharply.

News at Key West.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 21.—The survivors of the Maine at the barracks and hospitals are doing nicely. Admiral Sicard is negotiating with a wrecking company for a tug to tow the leaking vessel north. The Maine court of inquiry will probably be at Havana a week.

NEWS FROM HAVANA.

Divers Still Taking Out Bodies—Dancers Scared at a Ball.

Havana, Feb. 21.—The divers continue at work in the search for bodies of the Maine victims. There is no truth in the report that another explosion occurred at the wreck.

BOMB AT A DANCE.

At midnight while a masquerade ball was in progress at the Irijoa Theatre, a bomb exploded on the second floor, damaging the building slightly and wounding three persons. Some of the masquers left, but the dance continued.

ON THE OTHER SIDE.

English and French Forces Liable to Engage in War.

London, Feb. 21.—Great activity is manifested by the colonial officials of the West African department, and among the higher military officers who are going out to Lagos Hinterland. The latter are inclined to discredit the news of the fact that two French expeditions are advancing within the sphere of British influence, but add that if the news is confirmed it must be followed by a declaration of war. The stock market opened much depressed, but with no signs of a panic.

Effect at Glasgow.

Glasgow, Feb. 21.—On the stock exchange a semi-panic resulted from the West African news. The apprehensions are that the operators will not be able to met the wide differences at the settlement on Wednesday.

No News at Paris.

Paris, Feb. 21.—The government has no news of French forces having crossed the Niger into the Sokoto country. It is added that any such unauthorized movement will be disavowed by the government.

ACTION IN CONGRESS.

Senate Votes for the $200,000 Inquiry Fund—Approved by President.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The senate has passed the house joint resolution appropriating $200,000 for the recovery of the Maine and it will now go to the president for his approval.

Senator Allen of Nebraska introduced the following, which passed without debate: "Resolved, that the committee on naval affairs be and is hereby directed to make a thorough inquiry into the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor on the 15th inst., and report to the senate."

Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The appropriations committee of the house has agreed on the sundry civil appropriation bill. The bill appropriates $44,749,899, or over $13,000,000 less than the estimates and nearly $9,000,000 less than the appropriation for the current year. The bill carries $35,000 for the deep water ways commission, for which the war department submitted no estimate.

WARNER AND CANNON.

How Illinois Congressman Feel About the Spanish Situation.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 21.—Below are copies of answers to telegrams received by the Pantagraph:

WARNER FOR WAR.

Washington, Feb. 20.—"Replying to your request, I have to say the advices here at this time do not justify a decision as to the cause of the loss of the Maine and so many of its crew.

"It may have been accidental and it may have been due to the pressure of a Spanish finger on a button of the switchboard that connects with torpedoes and submarine mines of Havana harbor.

"If the latter we certainly have cause for war.

"Regardless of that great loss this government should cease to aid the Spaniards in their cruel and merciless efforts to defeat, if not exterminate, the Cubans in their heroic fight for simple justice.

"The Cubans started their struggle with no capital but devotion to their cause and with no weapons but their corn knives and have advanced to an organized government and an army with the most improved implements of war in the field, and they are entitled to their independence.

"Up to this time our navy has been substantially at the command of the Spaniards against the Cubans, and not only should we withdraw that aid, but we should give Cubans belligerent rights and acknowledge their independence regardless of consequences. No harm can ever come from doing right.

"(Signed) V. Warner."

CANNON ADVISES KEEPING TEMPER.

Washington, Feb. 20.—"Replying to your request, there is no additional news today about the destruction of the Maine. An official investigation has been ordered.

"The administration and congress await the result of the investigation and report.

"Nothing is known whether the destruction of the Maine was due to accident or from the act of individuals attached to the Spanish or to the Cuban cause.

"There is nothing for our people to do but to await the ascertainment of facts and in the meantime to keep our temper and judgment.

"In other words, to be sure we are right and then go ahead.

"(Signed) J. G. Cannon."

WETZEL HEIRS LOSE.

Supreme Court Decision in the St. Paul Million Dollar Case.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the lower court denying the claim of Elizabeth Wetzel and others to 160 acres of land in the limits of St. Paul, valued at $1,000,000. The land is located on a warrant issued to a Mexican war veteran named Remsen in 1847. The present Mrs. Wetzel, as his widow, sold it to a man named Taylor, who located on it. The court held that Mrs. Wetzel in making sale, did not secure the consent of the orphans' court to dispose of the claims of minor heirs, but as the title of the present owners has not been attacked for 40 years the rights of original owners had lapsed The property when located was worth only $200 dollars.

THE NOECKER PROPERTY.

Valued at $10,000—Decision for the Plaintiff on All Points.

In the partition suit of Ella B. Noecker against executors of the will of the late Dr. Noecker of Piatt county, in which there was a contest over the old homestead, which is valued at from $8000 to $10,000 and also for partition of 1500 races of land mostly located in Piatt county, the case on Saturday was decided by Judge Cochran in favor of the complainant on all disputed points. The firm of Bunn & Park of this city and Lodge, Hicks & Lodge of Monticello were the attorneys for the complainant. The case was tried last week at Monticello and was of more than ordinary interest as several of the legatees of the will are residents of Decatur.

BROKE HIS KNEE.

W. J. Hostetler Met With a Serious Accident Sunday Afternoon.

W. J. Hostetler met with a bad accident Sunday afternoon. He fell on the ice and broke his knee cap. Mr. Hostetler was visiting at the home of Dr. W. B. Hostetler on Prairie avenue. He had his little daughter in his arms and was leaving the house when he slipped on the icy steps and fell, striking his knee and breaking the knee cap. He was assisted to his home on West William street and Drs. W. J. Chenoweth and W. B. Hostetler rendered surgical attention. He will probably be laid up for six weeks. Mr. Hostetler had his hip injured many years ago and since then has been lame. The knee on the same leg was the one that was injured yesterday.

ILLINOIS POSTMASTERS

J. D. McVay Will be the Boss at Lake City.

Washington, Feb. 21.—President McKinley has nominated the following postmasters: Illinois—H. C. Clark, Mount Morris. Iowa—J. A. Cunningham, Washington; W. B. Arbuckle, Villisca; T. Bower, Frazer; J. D. McVay, Lake City; J. S. Williard, Marion.

WORK OF STATE BOARD.

Price of Corn in the Chicago Yards Reduced in Price.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 21.—The board of railroad and warehouse commissioners succeeded in inducing the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, to reduce the price of corn to consignors of stock to figures considered satisfactory. The price heretofore has been a dollar a bushel.

AMERICAN GOLD.

Now We Can Get the Stuff Without Going Into Canada.

Dawson City, Jan. 15.—The news has reached here of a rich strike on American Creek, 180 miles down the Yukon river. There is a rush for the diggings which are on American soil.

Ill at the Hospital.

Mrs. W. F. Neisler is critically ill at the St. Mary's hospital, where she was removed last week. On Saturday Dr. Will Barnes assisted by Drs. Brown, Wood and Grimes performed an operation of a very delicate and difficult nature upon her and while the operation was in every way a success the patient is very weak and yet in a critical condition.

Verdict Soon to be Known.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 21.—The evidence in the case of Sheriff Martin and his deputies was concluded today and arguments to the jury began.

SENSATIONAL

Divers Say Maine Magazines Did Not Explode

SUBMARINE TRAPS IN HARBOR

Court of Inquiry to Finish Its Work Within Six or Eight Days—It Was the Work of Weyler.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 21.—A correspondent has telegraphed this information: I learn from what may be considered a semi-official source that the divers sent down on behalf of the United States to examine the wreck of the battleship Maine have made a preliminary report of the result of their work. Incredible as it may seem, I am assured that after a partial examination of the magazine of the Maine the divers report that the one in which the explosion is supposed to have occurred is intact.

According to my informant, the contents of this magazine are unharmed.

Therefore, if this report be true, an entirely different aspect is given to the terrific explosion which brought death and destruction to the Maine.

BOARD OF INQUIRY SAILS.

This report, reaching Key West, it is said, caused the members of the court of inquiry to decide to proceed to Havana Sunday and begin their investigation at once, instead of organizing the court here. At any rate, the lighthouse tender Mangrove, with the court of inquiry aboard, left for Havana Sunday evening.

The officers composing the court, and who took passage on the Mangrove are Captain W. T. Sampson of the battleship Iowa, Captain French E. Chadwick of the flagship New York, Lieutenant Commander Potter of the New York and Lieutenant Commander Adolph Marix, judge advocate of the court.

Upon arrival in Havana the court will make a personal examination of the wreck and will then take testimony regarding the loss of the vessel.

When the Mangrove sailed it had not been decided where the board would convene, but Admiral Sicard told me last evening that it would probably meet either on board the Mangrove or the Fern, the supply ship of the North Atlantic fleet, which is now in Havana.

The admiral added that the court would in all probability hold another session in Key West before its final conclusions are reached.

Fifty-eight survivors of the Maine are now here, including 13 officers. Their testimony will be added to that of the others.

The flagship New York and the battleship Iowa are now lying off Sand Key lighthouse, several miles distant from Key West. The torpedo boat Cushing brought Admiral Sicard and members of the court ashore.

Directly after the officers constituting the court had been embarked on the Mangrove that vessel got under way and steamed out of port, bound for Havana. Accompanied by Commandant Forsyth, the admiral visited the hospital where the injured of the Maine are quartered. The Cushing took him back to his ship last evening.

Bache's Commandant Talks.

Havana, Feb. 21.—Lieutenant Commander Barnett of the survey boat Bache said to a correspondent of the Associated Press:

"You want the facts. I can tell you there are 95 chances out of a hundred that the investigation will show that the forward magazine of the Maine did not blow up first; if it exploded at all, and that it was not the cause of the terrific consequences that followed.

"The condition of the wreck when first studied and a later careful scrutiny make this an almost absolute certainty."

DEADLY MINES.

Statement is Made Upon the Highest Authority in Havana.

Havana, Feb. 21.—(Copyright, 1898, by James Gordon Bennett.)—I have learned from the highest authority that no matter what may have been the cause of the terrific catastrophe to the Maine, the harbor of Havana is and has been for a long time filled with submarine mines and torpedoes.

While this fact has been suspected, but few army and navy officers have any definite idea of the location or number of these mines.

Before the present insurrection broke out visitors to the fortifications, now closed to all excepting the army, were informed that a most effective system of mines had been planted, and that they could be exploded by means of electric connections from stations on the shore.

At the outbreak of the war the greatest secrecy was imposed upon those having these mines under their supervision, and their presence was forgotten by the public in general.

SPANISH OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

When it was rumored that a United States vessel would be stationed in the harbor the attention of one of General Weyler's aide-de-camps was called to the fact that all of the large shore batteries guarding the entrance to the harbor could only be directed against an enemy in the open sea, and that if a warship succeeded in running past the forts and entering the harbor the entire city would be at its mercy.

The officer replied that the engineers intrusted with the most recent fortification of the harbor had fully considered this question, and had arranged that if a vessel ever did enter the harbor it should be blown up at once.

This explains the seemingly unprotected condition of the bay and harbor.

I am satisfied that my information is correct.

All information about these mines was so carefully guarded that Lieutenant Jenkins, the ill-fated intelligence officer of the Maine, was really uncertain as to their presence and so expressed himself to several friends in Havana.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Nat C. Goodwin, the comedian, and Miss Maxine Elliot, leading lady of the Goodwin company, were married Sunday at Cleveland, Ohio.

The trial of F. Y. Hedley, who shot and killed Mayor Richards, June 12 last, at Bunker Hill, began today.

There was heavy snow in the northern part of Illinois Sunday.

Nashville, Ill., citizens are forming a volunteer company to go to the front in case of war with Spain.

Judge Shirley at Jacksonville has granted a new trial for C. L. Draper, who was convicted by a jury for the murder of C. L. Hastings, the punishment fixed being imprisonment for life. The new trial is granted mainly because it was shown by affidavits that one of the jurymen, Hugh Zirkle, had said before he was examined, that in case he should be accepted as a juryman he would certainly vote to hang Draper.

TWO HORSES BURNED.

Barn and Contents Destroyed by Fire Early Sunday Morning.

The barn in the rear of the residence of Isaac Runyan, living in the 1400 block on North Morgan street, was entirely destroyed by fire Sunday morning about 3 o'clock. Two horses were burned to death. It is not known how the fire started and the barn was entirely destroyed before it was discovered. An alarm was sent into the Morgan street house. Chief Devore was first to arrive at the fire and finding that the building had been burned down he ordered the fire wagons back. The entire loss will amount to something in the neighborhood of $300. The barn was worth about $50 and the two horses and wagon which were burned amounted to about $250. Mr. Runyan is a teamster and kept his wagon and horses in the barn. It is thought that the place was set on fire.

IN HONOR OF GUESTS.

Saturday Evening Dinner at the Home of W. H. Starr.

At their pleasant home on West Main street on Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Starr entertained a number of friends in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Campbell of Cincinnati. The rooms were made beautiful and fragrant by the use of roses, palms, smilax and fern. During the evening the guests were entertained by musical selections by Mrs. Harry Starr and Miss Emily Hamsher and recitations by A. L. Tetu, which were enthusiastically received. At supper the guests were seated at small tables placed in the dining room and parlors. Mrs. Snyder served.

To Meet at the Home of Mrs. Harwood

All those taking a part in the colonial entertainment to be given by the Home Forum at the K. of P. hall tomorrow evening will meet at the home of Mrs. K. Harwood of North Morgan street this evening.

Visible Supply.

Chicago, Ill., Feb 21.—Visible supply: Wheat 85,438,000, corn 39,907,000, oats 13,846,000, rye 3,632,000, barley 2,314,000.

A beautiful pet deer belonging to John Hudson of Moweaqua, was shot by some unknown person.

THE VIRGINIA FIRE

Town in Cass County Suffers a Heavy Loss.

MERCHANTS BURNED OUT

Firemen Evidently Did Good Work—Close of the Trap-Shooting Tourney at Hot Springs on Saturday.

Virginia, Feb. 21.—The block on the west side of the town square was swept by fire Sunday night and a mass of charred and smoking ruins now marks the place which a few hours ago was covered with business houses.

The fire was a disastrous one but fortune favored the town in the lay of the wind. The flames were swept eastward toward the square and this accounts for the comparatively small headway made by the flames. Conservative estimates place the amount of the damage at from $7000 to $8000, partially covered by insurance.

The buildings burned and the estimated damage is as follows:

G. W. Angler's grocery; building and stock both partially destroyed; loss $1800.

C. F. Noecker's jewelry store; building totally destroyed; loss $1500; damage to stock $300.

Casper Nagle's boot and shoe store; building totally destroyed; loss $1200.

F. C. Lang's hardware store; damage $800.

John F. Teck's harwdare store, damage $700.

W. W. Bishop's harness shop; damage $200.

All the buildings burned were one-story brick structures with basements. The book store of Elijah Needham, adjoining Langs' hardware store, was not damaged.

The office and plant of the Virginia Gazette, over the book store, was all saved.

WON SECOND MONEY.

Chan Powers Was in the Great Trap-Shooting Match.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 21.—The most successful trap-shooting tournament ever held in the southwest closed here Saturday. The event was the Arkansas Traveler's Live Bird Handicap. Each contestant shot at 25 birds and paid $25 entrance fee, with $100 added. The purse was divided into 14 moneys, which were distributed to the 14 high guns. Five men killed 24 birds, and took the first five moneys; five killed 23 birds and took the next five moneys. The remaining four moneys were divided between those who killed twenty-two birds. The following were the winners:

First—Fulford, Fanning, Parmalee, Trimble, McMurchy, 24; second, Gilbert, Garand, Loomis, Glover, Powers, 23; third, Wilson, Fawcote, Martin, Jackson, Elliott, Parker, Perry, Peoples, Lane, Heikes, 22. Before leaving the city Budd and Heikes arranged to shoot a match at Dayton, Ohio, February 22, for the cast iron medal, now held by Heikes.

Going to Oregon.

Joshua Hubbard and family will leave their home in Austin township the latter part of March for Albany, Oregon, where they will reside for a year at least. Mr. Hubbard will have an auction sale of stock and other effects at his home place on Thursday, March 8. He will sell six head of horses, three cows, 42 head of hogs, a lot of Plymouth Rock hens, and a full line of farming implements Sale will be called at 10:30. Lunch at noon. Col. E. J. Roberts will be the auctioneer.

Sales of Real Estate.

Cassius Holcomb to H. I. Shelly, lot 1 in block D of the village of Oakley; $75.

Christiana Foster to Thomas B. Gardner, lot 5 in block 1; also 90 feet off of south side of lot 4, all in block 1 in town of Maroa; $1200.

Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Butter firm, creamery 13 to 19, dairies 11 to 17. Eggs firm, 14. Dressed poultry quiet, turkeys 8½ to 1, chicks 7 to 8, ducks 7 to 8½.

Zola.

Paris, Feb. 21.—In the Zola trial today the advocate general made an address to the jury, appealing for conviction.

Samuel Kirkpatrick of Clarence, Ford county, had his flock of ten turkeys stolen the other night.

Jacob Roth of Gibson City has bought the Dunne implement business of that place and taken possession.

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A FEUDAL COURTSHIP.

BY HENRY F. KEENAN.

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SYNOPSIS.

Count von Malstern is the rejected suitor of Kitty Van Guelders, a New York belle. A few days before her marriage to Teddy Acton, he calls on Kitty, examines the presents, and gives her, for a wedding gift, a curious opal ring—a family heirloom. That night Acton disappears, and many of the valuable gifts are stolen. Some people believe that Acton has taken the things, but Kitty cannot. Neither can Brinton Flint—Acton's law partner, who believes that the count has abducted Teddy. Flint begins an investigation with some startling results. First, he finds that the ring Malstern gave Kitty was a poisoned ring, and would have killed her had she worn it. He discovers that Malstern's yacht is at Barbadoes. Flint is on the right track. The count has carried Acton away on his yacht, and has stolen the presents with the help of his valet, who has entered the Van Guelders' employ. When out at sea the count tries to make Acton sign a confession of the theft. Receiving a refusal, the count tells about the ring, which will surely kill Kitty in time, if she wears it. After long deliberation Acton decides that, to save Kitty, he will sign the confession and then shoot himself. Having made up his mind, he asks that the count come to his cabin

PART IV.

But instead of the count, the steward returned in a few minutes and handed Acton a note. On opening it he read:

"I know what you want. Here is the letter. Sign it and return by bearer.

"VON MALSTERN."

With almost paralyzed fingers the hideous fabrication was signed, the letters sprawling and almost indecipherable. The wretched man, now irretrievably ruined, flung himself on the bed in a paroxysm of anguish. The door opened again, but Acton didn't move.

"I'm sorry to say this won't do," the count's voice sounded, deprecatingly; "no one who knows your signature would accept this. Try to do it better—Himmel!" As the count's easy almost genial accents went on, Acton, fairly maniacal in his fury, threw himself out of the bed, seized his torturer by the neck, and in an instant wrenched him from his feet. He fell at the threshold and across the closed doorway. Holding him down with his knees, Acton slipped the bolt into the door. Then releasing his hold, despoiled the count of the pistol he had carired rather obtrusively as part of his naval attire.

"Get up!" Teddy cried, hoarsely.

"You're a very strong young man," the count vouchsafed, as if the most ordinary tussel had just discomfited him. "I had no idea you were so strong. It's too bad you gain nothing by the vantage."

"I gain all I want. You don't leave this cabin until you sign what I shall compose. Just fix yourself under the window, there, while I write."

The count laughed.

"Not a bad imitation; only you forget. I'm master of forty men. Listen." He put a whistle to his lips, before Teddy could guess what he meditated, and blew a shrill blast. It had barely sounded when there came a violent wrench at the door.

"You see, it's all quite useless. I bear no ill will, however; any man is justified in fighting for liberty, though for that matter yours is not in question. Yes, break in the door," he answered, in response to an inquiry from outside. In a second the whacks of an axe were heard. Teddy took up the pistol.

"If you break that door open, the instant the first man appears I'll blow the count's head off."

For an instant the count looked Acton in the eye. There was no mistaking the meaning there. He flushed slightly, half smiled, and called out, in German:

"There, Caesar, that will do. I'll give you further orders in ten minutes. Leave a guard at the gangway and withdraw to your post. Now," he continued, "the besieged have drawn off; what's your purpose?"

"Just what I said."

"But how can you compel it?"

"You shall never leave the cabin alive unless this paper is signed."

"And this paper?"

Acton read rapidly: "I, Conrad von Malstern, had the Van Gueldres' jewels carried off. I abducted Theodore Acton, to dishonor and disgrace him, by making it seem that he was the thief."

"Anything else?"

"Yes, you must give orders that the yacht touch at the nearest port."

"Is that all?"

"For the moment? Yes."

"Well, I refuse to sign your document. It could serve no purpose. You are already published over the United States as the thief. Even with the actual facts in their possession, the Van Gueldres

"GET UP!" TEDDY CRIED, HOARSELY.

would never consent to have you for a son-in-law. Miss Van Gueldres, it is needless to say, would not dream of taking a tarnished name, when she can have the best for the asking."

Acton seated himself with studied deliberation upon the stool nearest him, keeping the revolver in threatening evidence. When the count came to an end of his argument, Acton looked him in the eye and retorted, coldly:

"I don't choose to discuss my personal affairs with a person of your sort."

For the first time in all this grotesquely atrocious comedy, the count gave signs of feeling—anger even. He paled horribly, clenched the long, slender fingers of both hands together for all the world as if there had been a throat between them. He seemed about to make a movement, but the ready pistol and the alert figure of Acton were too much to grapple with. He turned toward the port hole and said not a word. Acton began to see the difficulty of his plight, even under the vantage he had gained. The man evidently possessed determination and must know that he, Acton, would be incapable of shooting him in cold blood. The combat then simply resolved itself into a question of physical endurance. There Acton had the advantage, immeasurably. He was younger than his abductor; a trained athlete, the stamina that comes from a life free from excesses, while the count, a voluptuary and effeminate, could resist neither hunger nor sleep.

It had gradually been growing into conviction in Acton's mind that the wretch before him was a madman. Nothing else could account for the unparalleled audacity of the villainy he had undertaken. No sane man would, even in a Corsican or Kentucky vendetta, put such a plan of desperadoism into practice.

Acton began to grow faint from hunger, for the midday meal was just about to be served when the encounter began. His lips and throat were parched, for the sea air of itself induced thirst. It would be ridiculous, however, he reflected, to propose summoning food. It was probably this very thing the count was calculating on to restore him the mastery.

Hours passed, the count turning now and then and seeing the pistol threatening, resumed again his staring through the window. Darkness began to make itself visible through the tiny portholes. Then Acton realized the difficulty of his plight. There were no lights in the cabin. He had been allowed none since his imprisonment. Was the madman counting on darkness to relieve him of his plight? Obviously that explained the extraordinary silence of the long afternoon. He racked his whirling brain for a resource. The best he could think of was to bind his prisoner, and thus secure some sleep.

He spoke suddenly, rising at the same time:

"I shall be obliged to bind your arms."

He couldn't bring his tongue to give the monster a name.

"I see no need of that," Malstern retorted, mockingly. "I've given you no trouble so far in your self-imposed heroics. I shall give you none. I give you my word of honor—I—"

"Honor! Your word of honor?" Acton echoed, scornfully. "Who do you suppose would credit such a creature as you?"

"Take care, young gentleman, this is the second time you have given such an affront as our house never endures. It is true that you are desperate; that your reason is unbalanced; that is the plea you Americans make use of when you

ACTON FELT WHAT SEEMED A HOT WIRE UNDER HIS RIBS.

rob and forge and what not. But though I am resolved to be patient with you, indulgent, our blood is unruly when such words, even from madness, strike us. I repeat that you need have no apprehension of any effort on my part to bring this ridiculous scene to an end."

As the count spoke, the window behind him had suddenly darkened; a crash followed. The count sank to the floor, and the deafening report of a pistol made the cabin seem the crater of a dynamite mine. Simultaneously with the crash, Acton felt what seemed a hot wire under his ribs. He tried to raise his pistol, but his fingers refused to move. Giddy, in a total collapse of his faculties, he slid full length upon the floor.

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Curiously enough the shot was his salvation, Brinton Flint had easily traced the yacht, and was upon her route within twenty-four hours of his return to New York. She had cleared Barbadoes, and he overhauled her in British waters near Nassau. To his challenge, the commander made no hesitation in acknowledging the yacht and its owner. Once on board, however, Flint's subject was defeated by the declaration that Count von Malstern had debarked at Nassau. To all questions regarding Acton, the official only stared. He had never heard of any such person. Now it was just at dusk, and Flint was actually retreating down the ladder, when a crash in the cabin alongside shook the light vessel. He could discern a gang hatch hanging over the side just in the rear of him, and a man holding a smoking pistol in his hand. The incident was too unusual to pass by, even for a stranger. He instantly suspected that he had been deceived by the commander. His own yacht was well manned. He hastily confided his suspicions to the lieutenant with him, and again mounted to the deck.

The excitement below was absorbing the crew, and Flint reached the cabin gangway unnoticed. The first person he recognized standing in an open door was the count. His impulse was to accost him at once, and display the warrant for his arrest. But aside from the fact that the yacht was in British waters and the warrant was not issued from a British court, it was essential to find out, first, if Acton were on the vessel.

"Carry him to the mate's room," the count ordered, in response to a question asked from within. While he spoke a man's head emerged from the door, the shoulders borne by two of the crew. One glance was enough. Flint flung himself at the German with a passionate cry:

"Have you added murder to theft, you infernal villain?"

Malstern started this time. His exasperating repose turned to a sort of maniac ferocity. He glared in the uncertain light at the lawyer; then roared in German:

"Tie me this criminal, hands and feet; stick him in the hold and then I'll tell you what to do with him."

"The first man that tries will get a bullet in his skin," cried Flint, who understood German perfectly. "Furthermore, I forbid any man here to obey this fellow. He is a malefactor. Here is the warrant for his arrest. Let any man dare molest me!"

But even as he held the folded paper where the broad seal of the court could be seen glistening, the infuriated count shot at the lawyer's upraised arm, seized the paper and tore it into fragments.

"Do you hear me," he vociferated; "bind me this swine, hurl him into the hold."

The half panic-stricken group edged uneasily toward the lawyer; those on the gangway trying to retreat, those who had come to the cabin, crowding behind the counts. They were blocked by Acton, who had been dropped to the floor, when the altercation began. Flint, heedless of the momentary awkwardness, shoved the men back and attempted to reach his friend.

"Must I perform the work myself?" the count roared, his eyes aflame.

"Here we are, Flint; what's up?" came a voice from the gangway above.

"Bring down a half-dozen men. There's a madman here," Flint called out, bracing his back against the stanchion.

Malstern glared at his shrinking men, ferocity in his eye; but with the best will they could do nothing. The gangway was barely wide enough for two by close squeezing. Under such conditions a fight was out of the question. Furthermore the big seal of the court had done its work effectually. The German lower ranks are superstitiously terrorized by the symbols of authority. Malstern evidently realized the futility of a contest, and glancing backward, sprang over the prostrate body of Acton, thrust him out of the cabin and closed the door.

"That's all right," Flint cried, rushing to Acton, whom he began to lift. But the wounded man groaned so piteously that he had him back to wait assistance.

That substantially ended the affair. Flint, though he really had no legal authorization, commanded the yacht back to New York. His first care was for Acton, whom the surgeon pronounced in grave danger. The bullet had entered between the third and fourth ribs, and made the lower one a sort of a viaduct to carry itself half around the chest.

Meanwhile food was ordered served to Malstern, but he refused to answer to the repeated attempts of the stewards. Finally, after twenty-four hours, Flint grew suspicious. The door was broken open. The count lay peacefully in the bed, stone dead. The post-mortem revealed poison in the blood, but none in the stomach. Flint examined the count's hand. The ancestral opal shone out in ghastly vividness. It had rescued the last of the evil race from the disgrace of a felon's cell. In consequence of the count's death, no proceedings were instigated. Teddy's condition, when his friends were permitted to see him, corroborated the statement made when the wedding was postponed, and no hint of the momentous drama, involving the serenest circles of the metropolis, ever got beyond the most intimate friends of the family.

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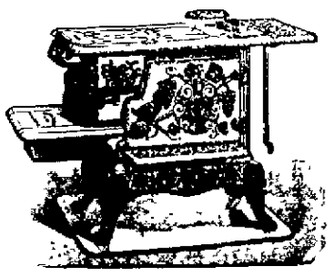

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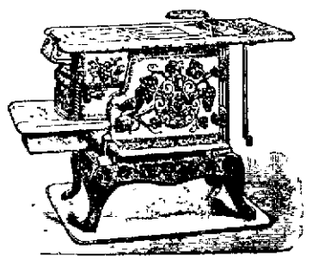

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Elmer Baker, the young man who was caught in the act of stealing money from the office of the Crocker Elevator at Maroa, is now in the county jail. He was put under a bond of $500 to await the action of the grand jury. He is not quite 21 and will likely go to the reform school.

Supervisors W. H. Bran, Frank Muirhead, and J. E. Rucker will go to Champaign tomorrow to attend the state farmer's institute. They will be the delegates from Macon county. They will make an effort to secure the state meeting in 1899 for Decatur. The state institute is attended by several hundred delegates and the Macon county men are anxious to have it held in Decatur.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Purcell, of Knitnersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores, are readily cured by this famous remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A Little Blizzard.

Decatur got a section of the northern snow blizzard Sunday and today, serving to increase the sale of fuel and interfering to some extent with the operation of the street car system. The snow sweeper was out last night and again today. Cars on the branches did not get in motion until a late hour this morning.

Special Service.

The members of the Epworth League of Grace Methodist church will hold a special meeting this evening. Mrs. J. E. King will be in charge. There will be addresses on the civil war and an old soldier who was confined in Libby prison during the war will speak. There will be special music and the public is invited to attend.

The Lincoln Celebration.

The annual university celebration of Lincoln's birthday was held in the university chapel Champaign February 11. The orator of the day was Hon. Isaac N. Phillips, reporter to the supreme court. The university was fortunate in having as guests on this occasion such men as ex-Governor Fifer, Hon. James S. Ewing, President John W. Cook of the State Normal School and other prominent citizens of Bloomington. The university battalion attended in appropriate military order and the exercises as a whole were eminently interesting and impressive.

People We Know

They are Decatur People and What They Say is of Local Interest.

When an incident like the following occurs right here at home, it is bound to carry weight with our readers. When so many strange occurrences go the rounds of the press and are published as facts, when the intelligent reader knows they cannot be true, there is no wonder that people become skeptical. On one subject skepticism is rapidly disappearing. This is due to the actual personal experiences of our citizens and their public utterances regarding them. The doubter must doubt no more in the face of such evidence as this. The public statement of a reputable citizen living right here at home, one whom you can see every day, leaves no ground for the skeptic to stand on.

Mr. W H. Sinclair of 854 North Mercer street, barber at J. H. Liston's shop on North Main street, says: "My kidneys have troubled me for some time with pains across my back. I felt it more along towards morning and the longer I stopped in bed the more my back ached At times it was so severe I could hardly turn over. In stooping or after a hard day's work my kidneys hurt me so that they felt as though they were being pulled apart. Being on my feet much and the position that I work in I think is the cause of my trouble. I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at a drug store and used it, when I was cured. It is some time since I discontinued the treatment but I have had no return of my former trouble so I can safely say that they cured me. I am satisfied that Doan's Kidney Pills are a good thing. I want my friends to know it and I have recommended them on different occasions."

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Discussed at the Sunday School Institute.

MASS MEETING LAST NIGHT

At First Presbyterian Church—Honor Day was Celebrated—Revival at the Christian Tabernacle —Church Notes.

The Sunday school institute which has been in session in this city for several days, closed last night with a mass meeting at the First Presbyterian church. Yesterday afternoon a session was held at the First Methodist church. There was a song and praise service led by Rev. S. H. Bowyer, after which G. W. Miller spoke on "The Bible and the Child." W. C. Pearce gave an address on the subject "The Home and the Child," and Mrs. Lamoreaux spoke on "Jesus and the Children." The addresses were instructive to those interested in Sunday school work.

In spite of the bad weather in the evening when the Sunday school mass meeting was held. The Sunday school orchestra of thirteen pieces under the leadership of Prof. Westhoff rendered music. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, presided over the meeting and an address was delivered by Mrs. Lamoreaux. She spoke of the children in the Sunday school. Mr. Pearce also made an address in which he referred to the fact that the children formed their characters largely from the actions of the grown persons around them and said that the parents should lead such lives as would inspire the young people to good things. He spoke against dancing, card playing, drinking and the use of tobacco as evils which are now too freely indulged in and which would lead the children astray.

HONOR DAY.

At the First Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon the pupils of the Sunday school held their annual honor day celebration. The superintendent, A. H. Mills, was in charge of the exercises and Rev. Penhallegon and also W. C. Pearce, Mrs. Lamoreaux and G. W. Miller, who were here to hold the institute, participated. The Sunday school orchestra rendered music for the occasion. The teachers and pupils who have been attentive to the Sunday school work the past year were awarded diplomas, some receiving them for good work during the past year and some for good work during the past two years. During the services Mr. Miller and Mrs. Lamoreaux gave a greeting and the pastor responded.

The teachers and officers who were placed on the honor roll for the past year were Mrs. I. N. Barnes, Mrs. W. F. Neisler and T. T. Roberts Those who received diplomas for the past year were as follows: A. H. Mills, George E. Knight, D. H. Hellman, Mrs. B. I. Sterritt, Sallie Shaffer, R. P. Lytle, Carrie Powers, J. A. Roney, Mrs. S. M. Given, Mrs. George E. Knight, Mrs. W. S. Richardson, Mrs. R. J. Simpson, Jennie Richmond, Laura Shaffer.

The following are the pupils on the honor roll for two years: Mrs C. E. Akers, Mrs. J. A. Roney, W. A. Downey, Lena Wright, Ralph Mills, C. J. Pennington, Joseph Baldridge, Albert Mann, Chester Smith, Earl Mann, Judith Mills, Leone Thatcher, Mattie Laughlin, Maud Newell, Mabel Knight, Lulu Hughes, Jeanette Powers, Zella McAllister, Roberts Knowlton, Frankie Betzar, Helen Mills, Bessie Downey, Irene Staley, Ralph Roney, Hubert Mills, Harold Mills, Homer Fry.

Those who received diplomas for one year were: Mrs. A. H. Mills, Mrs. Rae Staley, W. E. Mann, Lulu Jones, Anna Roberts, Lulu Reid, Jennie Bills, Clara Robinson, Kittie Kincaid, James S. Baldwin, Frank Bright, Noy Montgomery, Sue Maris, Dot Clokey, Joe McCune, Lloyd Chonoweth, Warren Stadler, Horace Flack, Lewis Rogers, Lucina Nesbitt, Fred Pahmeyer, Palmer Harry, Miss Lella Koehler, Helen Jameson, Francis Nye, Hallie Reeme, Willa Koehler, Olga Keck, Lillian Pasold, Alice Battles, Ruth Roberts, Lucile Tuttle Charles Knowlton.

TABERNACLE REVIVAL.

The big annual revival at the Christian tabernacle opened Sunday. The pastor, Rev. George F. Hall, is in charge and the preaching is done by Rev. J. V. Coombs, the evangelist. The singing is led by Prof. Calvin. There was a large attendance Sunday and a great deal of interest was shown. Services will be held every night in the week.

GRACE CHURCH.

At Grace Methodist church yesterday morning there was a large congregation. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. F. Gillmore, Rev. J. W. Crane had charge of the exercises. G. W. Miller, the state Sunday school worker, spoke in the morning. He was followed by Mrs. Lamoreaux, who spoke of the work with the children. In the evening W. P. Pearce delivered an address on christian life. Rev. Marion Stevenson, pastor of the Edward Street Christian church gave a well prepared address on the "Mysteries of Religion." Sherman McClellan led the chorus choir and special music was rendered. A special collection for the state work was taken up at night.

CHURCH NOTES.

The orchestra at the Congregational church gave a sacred concert Sunday before the morning service.

Next Tuesday evening a Colonial tea will be given at the First Presbyterian church in honor of the new members of the congregation.

At the Cumberland Presbyterian church yesterday morning communion services were held by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Hawkins, and new members were received.

Rev. J. Bernard of the Church of God led the men's meeting held Sunday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

G. W. Miller preached Sunday morning at Grace Methodist church before a large congregation.

Rev. W. C. Pearce delivered a sermon Sunday morning at the Edward Street Christian church.

The members of St. James' German Catholic church will give a concert next Tuesday evening at the Turner hall. It is to be a large affair.

The revival meetings at the U. B. church will be in progress this week. Services will be held every evening.

Owing to the severe weather Rev. Haworth, who was to have conducted the services at Wesley church last evening, was not able to be present and a song service and blackboard exercise of the old testament were given. R. C. Augustine conducted the song service and Milton Johnson, Jr., had charge of the blackboard exercises.

Quite a great deal of amusement was created in the Sunday school at Wesley church yesterday afternoon at the expense of the superintendent, R. C. Augustine. At a meeting of the Epworth League of the church several weeks ago the mercy and help committee of the League asked for suggestions which they might act upon in their work. Mr. Augustine arose and suggested in a joking manner that a cushion for the chair of the superintendent would certainly be an act of charity and yesterday the cushion was presented to him at the close of the Sunday school services, much to his surprise and the amusement of the smaller members of the Sunday school.

At the close of the Christian Endeavor meeting at the Edward Street Christian church last evening Mrs. William Dillehunt received the rites of baptism.

The ladies of the sixth ward of the Edward Street Christian church will give a social and supper at the church on next Thursday evening. Fifteen cents will be charged for the supper.

The classes for Bible study conducted by Rev. Stevens on will meet at the Loafland avenue chapel on Wednesday evening and at the church on Thurdsay evening.

There will be regular preaching services at the East Park chapel on Tuesday evening.

There will be a meeting of the primary teachers of the Sunday schools of Decatur held on Friday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock at the First M. E. church for the purpose of completing the organization of the primary teachers of the city. All primary and intermediate teachers are requested to be present.

The class in literature will meet at the parlors of the First Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon.

The class in household economics will meet at the parlors of the First Presbyterian church on Friday afternoon at 2 30 o'clock.

DECATUR BRICK COMPANY

Is the Name of the Big Combine of Local Brick Makers.

By virtue of a deal which was carried out on Saturday afternoon all five of the brick companies of this city have combined and a new firm is to be organized which will be known as the Decatur Brick company. The firms included in the combine are the Tuttle, the Ammann Brothers, the Mattes and the J. G. Shea brick companies. It is understood that the change has been contemplated by the brick men for some time past. Applications for letters of incorporation have been made. Mr. Purcington of Galesburg, J. L. Salisbury of Aurora and Davis Brown of the Leader Manufacturing company, appraised the different plants. They stated the value of each plant and their decision have been sealed up and each company agreed to stand by the decision. Each of the old firms will hold stock to the amount of the appraisement of their plant. The capacity of the new company will be nearly 25,000,000 brick a season.

The School of Instruction.

The Knights of Pythias school of instruction to be held at Chevalier Bayard castle hall tomorrow afternoon and night is looked forward to with lively interest by all members of the fraternity in Decatur and throughout the 15th district Deputy Grand Chancellor J. B. Dinges and the various committees have made all necessary arrangements for the occasion, and it is expected that about 300 visiting knights will be in the city. Grand Chancellor Servoss will arrive fom Paris at 10:45 a. m. tomorrow and he and Past Grand Chancellor Benedict of Danville, will be entertained at the St. Nicholas.

Special Meeting.

There will be a special meeting of the members of the Daughters of the Revolution tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. M. Maris to celebrate Washington's birthday.

MISS WADSWORTH

Sunday Afternoon at the Woman's Club House.

SHAKESPEARE AND THE BIBLE

The Great Playwriter a Close Student of the Book of Books—Origin of the Drama was Religious.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Miss Wadsworth gave the last of the series of the lectures on Shakespeare at the Woman's club rooms. Owing to the extreme roughness of the weather the attendance was not so large as at the previous lectures, but those who braved the storm were amply rewarded for any inconvenience suffered.

In speaking of Shakespeare's knowledge of the Bible Miss Wadsworth said: "No careful student can fail to observe that the Bible has formed the framework of literature. That many great writers have made a thorough study of the bible is particularly shown in the works of Bacon and Milton. Milton in 24 of his essays makes 70 references to passages in the Bible. The greatest example of the influence of the study of the Bible is found in the works of Shakespeare, and in this can be found the secret of the great power his works have always had over men. Reliable authorities have said that the entire doctrine of the Bible could be reproduced from the works of Shakespeare. Yet many good students have failed to see this side of this many sided genius.

The origin of the drama was religious. Shakespeare was forced to earn bread for his wife and babies and to an extent catered to the demands of the age in which he lived. Shakespeare disliked his calling as is shown in the sonnet, which was read by Miss Wadsworth, yet he uttered nothing base but mourned that his life was not in keeping with his belief. Much has been said of Shakespeare's lack of opportunities for securing an education. Support of this argument was had in the fact that he left his home at Stratford-on-Avon to go to London to earn his living at so early an age, that his education could not have been completed even so far as the advantages to be had at Stratford were concerned. There is a difference as to what is meant by education. Shakespeare's mind was rich in the comprehension of tradition, letters, and literature came after tradition. The more mental culture of the human mind Shakespeare had.

It is known that in the school which he attended at Stratford-on-Avon there was a Latin course of six years. If Shakespeare entered the school at the usual age he had time for ample training and in his life in London he gained what modern scholars call technical knowledge. The old testament was also included in the studies at the grammer school at Stratford. It was here that he began his studies of the Bible. His knowledge of the Bible was by no means confined to the old testament, but his works show knowledge of the entire Bible. Bishop Wordsworth says that the translators of the King James version of the Bible, which was made when Shakespeare had written all but two of his plays, were as much indebted to Shakespeare as he to them.

Many phrases in the works of Shakespeare bear a striking resemblance to Biblical phrases and passages. (a large number were read by Miss Wadsworth). Shakespeare not only knew the phrasing of the Bible but was familiar with its language. Not only this but he believed and taught its doctrine. Shakespeare had a true conception of the scriptural idea of prayer. The prayers in the plays of Shakespeare show a desire to make atonement for sin and nowhere outside of the Bible can we find anything equal to Shakespeare's delineation of a haunted conscience. Nowhere outside of the Bible do we find a clearer idea of the enormity of sin and its blasting influences on life. His was an age of conflict between the Protestants and Catholics Yet he made no reference to this in his works and did not, like all of his contemporaries, rail at the clergy and the Puritans. He was not only a great poet, but a great

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WEATHER.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Illinois: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday afternoon; northerly winds becoming variable.

The safe thing to do is to await the report of Commander Sigsbee after the examination of the hull of the Maine. An American naval officer can be depended on to do the proper thing without fear or favor. If it should be found that Spain has in any way been responsible for the destruction of the ship the people may depend upon the commander reporting the facts without fear or favor.

Those persons in the United States senate who seize upon the destruction of the Maine to bring on a crisis without knowing the facts will find that they will not be upheld in such a course by the American people. The people are for Cuba and want the war ended but they do not want the United States to interfere upon a false or dangerous basis.

The calamity shriekers are going to have a pretty hard time explaining to the dear people in the coming campaign how it is that business has so greatly improved without the free and unlimited coinage of silver. Last week's bank clearings show a gain of 54 per cent over the corresponding week of a year ago, and are 16 per cent larger than those of the corresponding week of 1893, the most prosperous business year of the past decade.

It will probably be a little embarrassing to the Democratic stump orators who expected to use their 1896 speeches in the campaign of 1898, to know that the money in circulation in the United States at the beginning of the present month was $923,556,262 in excess of the amount in circulation at the date of the adopting of the Democratic platform of 1896, which is being made the basis of Democratic operations in the campaign of this year.

Populist National Committeeman Bateman of Maine, denounces in the most vigorous terms the proposition which a group of men in Washington representing silver mine owners have formulated, by which they propose a fusion between Populists, Democrats and the silver party in the coming congressional campaign. He says that every so-called fusion heretofore has resulted disadvantageously to the Populists, and is destroying their organization and the prospects of party growth.

Those who were insisting that Congress ought to take the Cuban question out of the president's hands will probably conclude from the developments of the past few days that there is no occasion for such action, the president's firm and dignified attitude in the recent De Lome episode being such as to fully warrant the view which his friends have held from the first that he can be relied upon to conduct the entire matter in a manner which will reflect credit upon the nation and bring about the best results.

Revenue.

The treasury department's reports are extremely satisfactory with reference to the revenue-producing qualities which the Dingley tariff law is developing. The receipts of the treasury this month have averaged more than one million dollars per day up to this time, and as the annual expenditures of the government only average about a million dollars a day, there is good reason for feeling that the new law has reached the promised point of producting sufficient funds to meet the current expenses of the government. February receipts will, it is now quite apparent, exceed those of any February since the close of the normal operations of the McKinley law. That law operated normally until the shadow of impending free trade legislation prostrated business and reduced importations to a minimum. During its first three years the February receipts averaged nearly thirty million dollars and it now looks as though the February receipts of the Dingley law would nearly or quite equal that. Certainly the receipts of the present month will exceed those of any February under the Wilson law, and it is probable will be sufficient to not only meet the running expenses of the treasury but begin the creation of a surplus. The following table shows the February receipts since 1891, the first year of the operations of the McKinley law:

February.	
1891	$29,273,173
1892	30,598,944
1893	29,698,142
1894	22,264,299
1895	22,838,067
1896	26,059,228
1897	24,400,897
1898	29,000,000 (estimated.)

Dead Free Trade Speeches.

Democrats who are preparing to utilize in the fall campaign their tariff speeches delivered during the discussion of the Dingley bill will do well to revise those features in which they insisted that the bill, if made a law, would reduce our sales abroad, especially to countries which were making protests against it. Here are the figures showing our sales since the enactment of the Dingley law to the 14 countries which protested against it, with an implied or expressed threat of retaliation by the rejection of our products. It will be seen that in practically every case there has been a large increase in our sales to these very countries which made protests.

EXPORTATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

	August 1 to December 31, 1896.	August 1 to December 31, 1897.
United Kingdom and Canada	$269,264,21	$274 274,630
Germany........	60 723,324	69,813,854
France........	37,287,152	44,448,863
Netherlands........	20,635,631	78,963,989
Belgium........	14,930,972	23,317,509
Italy........	9,472,907	10,123 224
Japan........	5,151 384	7,562,502
China........	4,318,355	8,457.869
Denmark	3,711,604	4,964,469
Argentina........	3,3 2,521	3,109,835
Austria-Hungary........	1,809,423	2,143,730
Turkey........	153,845	314,170
Greece........	67,634	4,194
Switzerland........	22,962	112,047
Totals........	$430,361,575	$472,608,523

MISS WADSWORTH

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religious teacher. Not a teacher of dogmas or creeds, but a teacher with the true conception of true religion. He probably did not think the stage the best place to demonstrate his idea of religion, but owing to the turbulent condition of the church at that time it was the only place.

Miss Wadsworth closed with a toast, drank in water, to the club of Decatur.

Miss Wadsworth talked on the Merchant of Venice on Saturday afternoon and gave a clear and comprehensive review of this great play, which was most thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

MORE-BUCK WEDDING.

Afternoon Marriage at the Home of the Bride's Parents.

Miss Jennette Buck and George L. Moore were married at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the mother of the bride, Mrs. Martha Buck of 1362 East Condit street The wedding was informal and quiet, only the members of the families being present. Rev. Geo. F. Hall performed the ceremony. Immediately following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served. The rooms and tables were tastefully decorated in roses

Miss Minnie Nickolls of Chatham, Miss Della Moore and A. C. Moore of Springfield were present. Mr. and Mrs. Moore left at 3 o'clock for Springfield, where they will visit until Thursday with relatives of the groom. Miss Buck has long been a prominent worker in the church societies and Sunday school of the Christian tabernacle and will be greatly missed among her friends and co-workers.

Mr. and Mrs Moore will make their home at Wichita, Kan., where the groom is proprietor of the Wichita Iron and Ideal Stove Works.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 21.

[No Chicago market to-morrow—Washington's birthday—a legal holiday.]

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Yes't'day
Wheat—					
Feb........	—	—	—	—	—
May........	1 07	108	106	105¾	108
July........	92½	93⅞	91	92⅝	92⅞
Corn—					
Feb........	—	—	—	29⅜	29⅝
May........	31¼	31⅝	30⅝	30¾	31⅝
July........	32⅞	32⅜	31⅞	32½	32⅞
Oats—					
Feb........	—	—	—	26½	26⅝
May........	27⅜	27⅛	26⅝	23⅞	27⅞
July........	25	25	24⅝	24⅞	24⅝
Pork—					
May........	11 12½	11 17	10 95	11.00	11 02
Lard					
May........	5 20	5 30	5.20	5.25	5 22
Ribs........					
May........	5 30	5 30	5.25	5.25	5.27½

July wheat: Puts, 90¾; Calls, 96½; Curb 92⅞.

Hogs.

Hog receipts, 23,000. Estimated, 34,000.

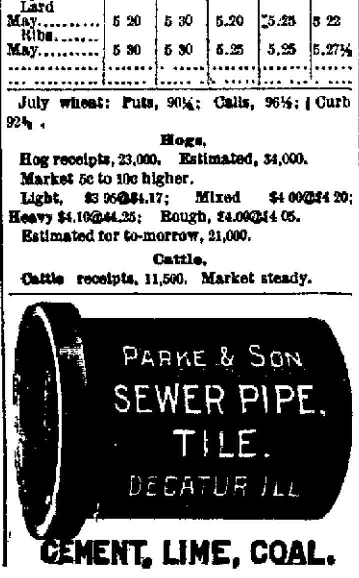
Market 5c to 10c higher.

Light, $3 95@$4.17; Mixed $4 00@$4 20; Heavy $4.10@$4.25; Rough, $4.00@$4 05.

Estimated for to-morrow, 21,000.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 11,500. Market steady.



CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

JUBILEE OF POPE LEO.

Important Catholic Event Will Take Place March 3.

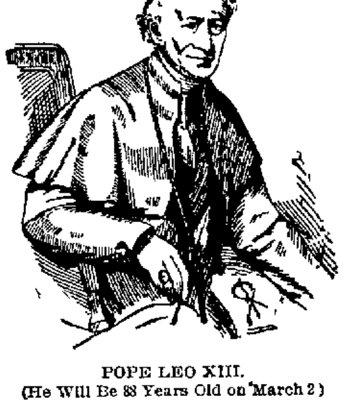
On That Day Joachim Pecci Will Have Been Supreme Pontiff Twenty Years—Facts About His Long and Busy Life.

The pope's jubilee will soon be celebrated in the City of the Caesars. Last year Victoria was the cynosure of all eyes. This year the Vatican will have the attention of the civilized world. In short, 1898 will be the occasion for much rejoicing among Roman Catholics everywhere. Not only does the pope's birthday take place in March, but also the celebration of his coronation. In accordance with the canons and customs of the church, these events are marked by magnificent services in St. Peter's, and also by appropriate ceremonies among the "faithful" throughout Christendom.

Leo XIII. will be just 88 years old on March 2. And, curiously enough, on the following day, March 3, occurs the twentieth anniversary of his elevation to the apostolic chair Indeed, the year opened with appropriate services. For on January 2 the aged pontiff observed the sixtieth anniversary of his first celebration of mass The gift of the United States at that time was a diamond cross. The queen regent of Spain sent a massive gold and jeweled goblet, Emperor Franz Josef of Austria, 50,000 florins, and President Faure of France, six beautiful Sevres vases.

The pope is now but five years away from the proverbial "years of St. Peter" According to the Catholic church, the first bishop of Rome presided over the destinies of his flock just a quarter of a century. It is seldom that a supreme pontiff can celebrate the twentieth anniversary of his coronation. And only once has it happened among the 258 popes that the "years of St. Peter" were reached. This exception was in the case of Pius IX., who found himself the center of a world-wide demonstration of loyalty when he attained the twenty-fifth anniversary of his papal elevation

The pontificate of Pius IX. was the longest in history, and was terminated in 1878 On February 2 he gave his last allocution to the cardinals, and five days afterward died very suddenly. On February 18 the sacred college met in



POPE LEO XIII.
(He Will Be 88 Years Old on March 2)

solemn conclave, and two days later Cardinal Joachim Pecci was proclaimed the new pope, under the name of Leo XIII. The coronation ceremonies took place in the basilica of St. Peter's, March 3, 1878.

Leo XIII. was born at Carpineto, in one of the papal states, March 2, 1810. He comes from a patrician family, and is one of best educated men that ever was elevated to the papal throne. He early interested himself in the suppression of African slavery, and his enlightened views upon questions of church policy and procedure are a matter of history He maintains steadily in his encyclicals that the only solution of the socialistic problems of our day is through the church. A typical establishment, showing the true relations of capital and labor, according to Catholic ideas, is now in active operation near Rheims, and directed by Leon Harmel, the "Christian Socialist."

Leo XIII. will always be cherished in the literary world for having opened up the archives of the Vatican to scholars for historical investigation.

In personal appearance the pope looks very frail and fragile. Rheumatism more than anything else bothers him at present. To counteract this, Dr. Lappont, the papal physician, orders frequent hot sand baths.

Leo XIII. looks every inch a typical pope. He has patrician features, clean-cut and classical, and is a worthy successor to St. Peter As he officiates before you in the big basilica or in the Sistine chapel he seems more like a visitant from the skies than the vicar of Christ on earth. Standing in front of the silken baldachin of the throne, his straight and erect form, his alabaster countenance and his saintly appearance all strike you forcibly; and if he should go near one of the statues in St. Peter's you would have hard work in deciding which was marble and which was man. His voice, however, is strong and sweet, and would be a splendid addition to any choir.

The pope is the oldest living man in the world in active official life. Mr. Gladstone is about his age, but retired some time ago from the English premiership. In this country Senator Morrill, of Vermont, and Gen. Cassius M. Clay, of Kentucky, are within a year of Leo's age. Bismarck is 82, and ex-Justice of the Supreme Court Fields is but 81; and yet both of these men have stepped down and out of public service. One reason why the pope enjoys such excellent and nearly uniform health is because of his frugal diet and model menus. His physician says: "I eat more in one meal than the holy father does in a week." This tells the story better than anything else.

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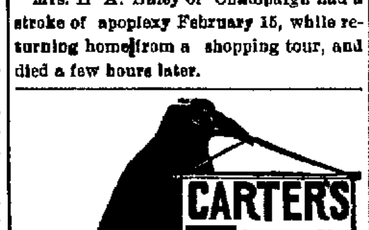

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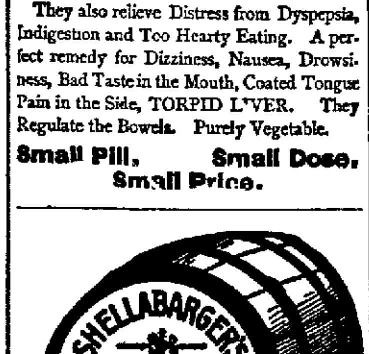

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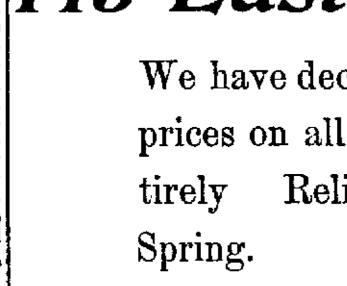

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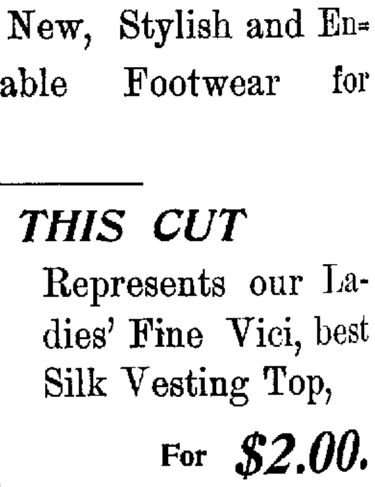

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46 inch All Wool Vigoroux Suitings—about a s ferent illuminated mixtures—medium colors new—not shown elsewhere under $1,00 yard. with us at—
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At 75c yard.
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At 60c yard.
40-inch Illuminated Covert Cloth—splendid dependable and desirable colors—especial for Spring Gowns—the best 75c material catur—offered this week at—
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Stamped Doylies.

Special Sale at the Art Em Counters for all this week. **Rem that we also give free instr Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sat from 9 to 11 a. m., and Monday nesdays and Fridays from 2 to** and that you are especially invite these free classes.

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Friday's freight brought us a big lot of Men's Hose in new plaids and stripes. They'll be thing" for this summer and are extremely at—

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COUNTY CONVENTION

Young Christian Workers to Meet in Decatur in March.

The meeting of the executive committee of the Macon county C. E. union was held at the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Committees were appointed for the coming county convention Miss Maude Martin was made chairman of the entertainment committee, A. M. Taylor chairman of the church and decoration committee and G. W. Butler chairman of the nominating committee. This committee is composed of the presidents of the C. E. societies of the county and will meet at the First Presbyterian church on next Sunday at 3 30 p. m. to secure nominations for the coming convention. The program for the convention was mapped out and the final arrangements made. The convention will be held on March 31 and April 1

Card from Mrs. Shuler.

To the Public:—I, the wife of Oscar Shuler, can prove that I never left him According to what the doctors said, Mr. Charles Shuler came in and took Oscar out home with him, for a rest and a

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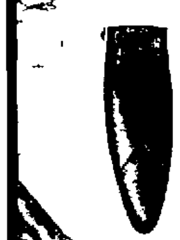

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Ever heard of them? Well, they're a new dress shirt that men can't fail to appreciate. They're fitted with a "Patent Dress Bosom Retainer" which prevents the shirt bosom from bulging and presenting an unsightly appearance. We are the first to show this practical shirt improvement in Decatur and invite the inspection of correct dressers. One of its chief beauties is the fact that it sells no higher that the ordinary well made Dress Shirt—

$1.50.

Friday's freight brought us a big lot of Men's Fancy Half Hose in new plaids and stripes. They'll be the "proper thing" for this summer and are extremely low priced at—
25c pair

LINN AND SCRUGGS

DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

New Curtain News.

Every day brings new Spring goods for Decatur's most popular Curtain section. It's a trifle early to talk of Spring Housecleaning—most women don't want to think about it until they have to—but we notice that the early buyer is abroad already. These wise folks always make it a point to buy while the stocks are full and fresh. Choosing is much easier and economically inclined people have told us that our prices are exceptionally low if the proper attention is paid to quality.

We've Nottingham Curtains as low as 49c and as high as $3.49 a pair; Embroidered and Ruffled Muslin Curtains from $1 49 to $6 49; Irish Point at several low prices between $1.75 and $10.00, Brussels Curtains from $5.00 to ten times as much, and Louis XIV or Renaissance from $5 00 to $20.00 a pair.

Novelty Embroidered Ruffled Yard Goods with lace insertion; Irish Point and Tambourd Yard Goods, Curtain Nets. Embroidered Muslins, Coin Spot Muslins; Scrims and Silkolines—great variety of patterns—just as great variety of prices.

Tapestry and Chenile Curtains, Couch and Table Covers and Upholstery Materials of every conceivable sort at opening prices.

Prettiest Wash Fabrics.

The daintiest materials, neatest designs and handsomest colorings that ever graced a Decatur shop are on show in the Big South aisle. Many patterns are wholly unlike you've ever seen—we're sure of that, because they've never been made before. There are dozens of pretty ideas that no other store will show—we're sure of that too, because we have the exclusive privilege of selling them to Decatur folks. We'll catalogue a few of the new arrivals—just to give you an idea of the pricing.

French Organdy—Fine cloth, handsomest designs we've seen at.......25c yard
Real Irish Dimities—printed in Belfast, Ireland—a hundred pretty patterns—warranted fast colors at..25c yard
French and Scotch Zephyr Ginghams—an elegant assortment of choice colors—especially suitable for Shirt Waists—at.......25c yard
"Silver Star," "Defiance" and "Premium" Madras—the new Waist and Dress Fabric—many exclusive designs at.......15c yard
French Cambrics—printed in new Roman Stripes and Bias Plaids—36 inches wide—fast colors—at....15c yard
Dirigo Batiste—a new production of "The Given Manufacturing Co."—a cloth midway between Organdy and Cambric—beautiful designs—at.......15c yard
The new 40-inch "Organectes" came a few days ago. They're used for lining Organdy Gowns and for evening Dresses—many plain colors—to be had only—
At The Big Store at 15c yd.

New Trimmings.

The Spring Trimmings have been arriving for a fortnight and the assortment now shown is marvelous. Braid Blouses, Spangled Blouses and Narrow Mohair Braids to match. Soutache and Tubular Braids—in many sizes—at many prices. Braid Sets to match for skirt and waist and Jet trimmings in a whole host of pretty conceits.

Braid Blouses—$2.00 to $5 00.
Spangled Blouses—$3.00 to $10.00.
Mohair Braids—5c upward.
Mohair Braid Sashes—a decided novelty from over the sea—made of 5 inch heavy Basket Weave Braid—Pricing begins at—
$1.25 each.

Three Stockings.

Two for Women—one for boys. They're of the variety usually termed as "high-class" but you wouldn't imagine it from the prices.

Women's Lisle Thread Stockings—high spliced heel—double sole—the best 35c Stocking ever shown in a Decatur store—They're a strong leader here at—
25c pair.

Women's Fine Combed Maco Stockings—fine ribs—very elastic—been a leader all along at 37½c pair. Now they're priced—
25c pair.

Boy's Bicycle Stockings—the best 25c School Stockings that we know anything about. We sell them for—
15c pair.

BUTTERICK PATTERNS.

White Goods.

The February Sale will close this week. It's a propitious time to buy materials for graduating and confirmation gowns.

French Organdy—all grades—40c, 35c, 30c, 20c and—
15c yard.
Persian Lawn—a new sheer fabric—50c, 35c and—
25c yard.
India Dimity—stripes and checks—40c, 35c, 25c, 15c and—
10c yard.
Paris Muslin—the real imported article—$1.00, 85c and—
75c yard.
Hemstitched India Linon—for skirts and aprons—40c, 30c, 22½c and—
15c yard.
English Nainsook—12 yard pieces in neat box—
$1 49 piece.
English Long Cloth—12 yard pieces—best quality—
$1.49 piece.

Black Brocaded Silk.

Special showing and selling of Fine Rich Fabrics.

Black Brocades—five patterns—scroll, floral and conventional designs—the kind that always sells for $1.10, at
88c yard.

Black Brocades,—small and medium designs—the $1.25 sort—at—
$1 00 yard.

Glace Taffeta—for Petticoats and Dress Linings—a great line of colorings—every yard worth 90c. On sale this week at—
75c yard.

Handkerchiefs.

Three great lots for the week's selling. Genuine Price Lowerings of a startling nature. If it wasn't that we didn't like the word we would say that this was going to be a "sensational" sale. Certain it is that Water street has never known such Handkerchief values as The Big Store offers this week.

1 lot of Women's Handkerchiefs—plain Hemstitched, all Linen Hemstitched and Embroidered, Linen and Swiss Scolloped and Lace Edge. All exquisite patterns and worth in a regular way to 25c. Choice of lot at—
11c each

1 lot of Women's Handkerchiefs—Hemstitched and Swiss Embroidered and Hemstitched and Drawn Work. All pure Linen and worth to 35c. Choice of lot at—
14c each

1 lot of Women's Handkerchiefs—Linen Hemstitched, Embroidered Swiss and Scalloped Embroidered. A great collection of high grade goods that sold to 50c. Choice of this lot at—
19c each.

W. B. Corsets.

Exclusive with The Big Store—in every new shape and mode—foremost in every essential of corset correctness—short and extra long waists.

The extremely long waist Corset is made of black or white coutil, with Satin Strips—boned bust—two steels in side—double busk—handsomely flossed with silk edgings—a strong, well wearing Corset for—
$1 50.

The Short Waist Corset is a perfect fitting Parisian model made of drab or white Coutil—with Sateen Strips—lace trimmings at top and bottom—the best Corset, ever offered at the popular price of—
$1.00.

See Water Street Show Window.

COUNTY CONVENTION

Young Christian Workers to Meet in Decatur in March.

The meeting of the executive committee of the Macon county C. E. union was held at the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Committees were appointed for the coming county convention. Miss Maude Martin was made chairman of the entertainment committee. A. M. Taylor chairman of the church and decoration committee and G. W. Butler chairman of the nominating committee. This committee is composed of the presidents of the C. E. societies of the county and will meet at the First Presbyterian church on next Sunday at 3 30 p. m. to secure nominations for the coming convention. The program for the convention was mapped out and the final arrangements made. The convention will be held on March 31 and April 1

Card from Mrs. Shuler.

To the Public:—I, the wife of Oscar Shuler, can prove that I never left him. According to what the doctors said, Mr. Charles Shuler came in and took Oscar out home with him, for a rest and a change for mental trouble. I can prove that I was not quarrelsome or cruel to Oscar. The reason why I nor my witnesses were not supcenaed, was because they wanted to save expenses and did not want the real cause known. So far as the furniture is concerned, it belongs to me and my children, till my husband comes back cured. I don't want my name put in the papers any more or some one will have to answer for it.

OLA SHULER.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 21.

The Surprise of All.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it Free trial bottles at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores.

The Danville Company will extend its lines to Homer this season.

A Short, Sad, Story.

A Cold.
Neglect.
Pneumonia.
Grief.
Had Foley's Honey and Tar been used, this story would have had a happier ending. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Miss Edna Elwood of Metamora and Guy de Gulbert of Richland were married February 16 The groom is a young farmer of Woodford county.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.

Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief to all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The Roberts orchestra of Paxton is about to break up for lack of a leader since the withdrawal of H. L. Custer.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Capt. Charles A. Dunn of the Volunteers of America, has established a permanent post at Watseka.

William Jurgensmeyer of Homer got the top of the Chicago market, $5.30, for two carloads of hoghogs.

Freeman Bros.,

150 MERCHANT ST.

Have the finest line of

SPRING AND SUMMER SHOES

In the city.
Have all colors, sizes and widths.

We are sole agents in Decatur for

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of John A. Dawson, assignee of the estate of Lewis M. Casner, and against Clara E. Walker nee [illegible] man, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot four (4) [illegible] three (3,) of Kaufman's addition to the [illegible] Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, taken as [the property] of the said Clara E. Walker nee [illegible] which I shall offer at public sale at the [illegible] door of the court house in Decatur, in [said] county, in said state, on the 18th day of M[arch] A. D. 189[8], at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day. [illegible] cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.
This 21st day of February, A. D. 1898.
J. P. NICHOLSON,
Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.
feb 21-d&w

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss In the Circuit Court.
MACON COUNTY

George V. Loring, Complainant, vs Emily J. Smith, et al, Defendants, in Chancery. No. 16603.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the state of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January term of said court A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, March 15, 1898,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lots four (4) and five (5) in the subdivision of lot thirteen (13) in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section ten (10) in township sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the 3d principal meridian, as recorded in Book 1.9 at Page 137 of the Plat Records of Macon county, Illinois, and more fully described as follows: Beginning 221 feet west and 150 feet south of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 10, township 16 north, range 2 east of the 3d p. m., thence running west 177 feet, to the east line of North Main street, thence north 80 feet, thence east 177 feet, thence south 80 feet to place of beginning in Macon county, Illinois

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 21st day of February, A. D 1898.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
E. S. McDonald, Complainant's Solicitor.
feb 21 dtd

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PREPARE TO BE ASTONISHED!

At our low Prices created and made expressly for the hundreds of appreciative patrons of WM. GUSHARD & CO. for all this week. Read carefully. If you can't come up, send the children. They can buy just as cheaply as their elders.

That we have been the busiest house in Decatur the past week goes without saying. Watch us this week. The power of the Almighty Dollar to buy and sell cheap is in evidence on every article and Price in Our House.

All Week Come to the Sale at Gushard's.
The People That Sell as They Advertise.

Notice This Line.

New at 7½c—15 pieces of 34 inch fancy Scotch Plaid Suitings, splendid line of colorings. Some houses think they are selling these cheap at 15c yard. Our price is, yard..... 7½c

Don't Miss This.

New at 19c—30 pieces 42-inch Silk Finished Jacquard; 20 pieces 38-inch Wool Twill Henrietta; 25 pieces All Wool New Novelties. Not a piece in this lot worth less than 25c yard, and most of them worth 30c. Our price for this week, yard..... 19c

We put up with every Dress Pattern:
1½ yards Best 15c Silisia.
6 yards Best 5c Cambric.
1½ yards Good Canvass Stiffening.
1 spool Silk; 1 set Stays.
1 spool Cotton; 1 card Hooks and Eyes.
4 yards Velvet Binding.
All the above, not $1.36, but all for 70c At GUSHARD'S.

All New at 47c.

5 pieces all different shades new Bayadere for Ladies' Dress Skirts and Wrappers. The correct and latest styles. Sold in the larger cities at 75c yard. Our price all this week, yard..... 47c

Piles and Stacks of New Spring Dress Goods—all the newest weaves of Domestic and foreign looms. Fair dealing you get at Gushard's.

Here we go into the Linens and Domestics—cheaper than anywhere.

70-inch Half Bleached Damask, plenty of people say that they'd think them cheap at 50c. It's always our aim to give best values. They go at yard..... 39c

10 Pieces at 59c.

One of the greatest Linen values ever shown in Decatur—10 pieces of Extra Heavy Half Bleached Pure Irish Linen—a really cheap article at 75c yard. Our special and lowest price, yard..... 59c

Good Cotton Crash Toweling, checked, plain and twilled, all at.....2½c yd

Good Heavy Twilled Linen Crash a yard..... 4½c

10 dozen good sized Huck and Honeycomb Bleached Towels at 3½c worth 5c to 8c.

10 dozen 18x36-inch All Linen Huckaback Bleached Towels at, each...10c

5 bolts of 36-inch Wamasetta Bleached Night Gown Twill—always sells at 12½c and 15c yard, our price.....10c

One bale of Our Own 3 AAA Heavy Sheeting, 36 inches wide, for yard.....4¾c

One bale of 3 Star 36-inch Unbleached Sheeting at yard.....3½c

One bale of the finest and best Wright Unbleached Muslin in the city at any price, full 36 inches wide. Our price for this lot 5c yard. No more of this grade at this price. Costs more money today.

Everybody says our Bleached Muslins at 4½c, 5c, 6¼c and 7½c are the best values in Decatur.

Window Shades and Lace Curtains.

Good 6 foot Felt Window Shades for, each..... 9c

Good 7 foot Felt Window Shades for, each..... 10c

6 foot good strong Holland Cloth Shades; all colors, clean and new, at each.....25c
7 foot Good strong Holland Cloth Shades, all colors, clean and new, each.....29c
$1 50 Lace Curtains for, pair.....$1.19
$1.75 Lace Curtains for, pair.....$1.30
$2 00 Lace Curtains for, pair.....$1.65
$2.50 Lace Curtains for, pair.....$1.98
$3.00 Lace Curtains for, pair.....$2.38
$3.50 Lace Curtains for, pair.....$2 85
You know we are always right on Lace Curtains. This season we are showing twice as large a line as ever before.
These reduced prices will surely induce early buying at Gushard's.

Ladies' Dress Skirts and Wrappers.

100 Ladies' Plaid Dress Skirts, splendid designs, well made and look like $3.00 goods, for.....$1.50
200 Ladies' Wool Brilliantine Skirts—all black—very handsome line of patterns. No better in Decatur for $2.00. Our price.....$1.50
At $1.89 we sell the best skirt in the city for quality and workmanship—Absolutely fast color.

New goods pouring in by the carload.

New laces—all arranged on center counter and marked in plain figures, at 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c yard.

New Embroideries—Piles and Piles of them—Splendid patterns of vines leaves, dots and scrolls, and all kinds, of figures necessary to make pretty patterns. We sell embroideries about 50 per cent. cheaper than any one else. Our prices at 1c, 2c, 3, 5c, 7½c, 8½c, 10c, 12½c and 15c.

Are World Beaters for Values.

We invite you to give us a look. We are ever on the alert to the interest of our patrons. Be one of them, if you are not already.

ALL THIS WEEK.

Join the crowd of Bargain Buyers at Gushard's.

WM. GUSHARD & CO.

HURRY UP!
Or You Will Get Left!

NOW IS THE BEST TIME TO BUY.

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Goods must be sold no matter what the sacrifice. Come and get them right now--first choice the best.

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DR. E. C. WEST'S
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THE ORIGINAL; ALL OTHERS IMITATIONS.

is sold under positive Written Guarantee, by authorized agents only, to cure Weak Memory, Dizziness, Wakefulness, Fits, Hysteria, Quickness, Night Losses, Evil Dreams, Lack of Confidence, Nervousness, Lassitude, all Drains, Youthful Errors, or Excessive Use of Tobacco, Opium, or Liquor, which leads to Misery, Consumption, Insanity and Death. At store or by mail, $1 a box; six for $5; with written guarantee to cure or refund money. Sample package, containing five days' treatment, with full instructions, 25 cents. One sample only sold to each person. At store or by mail.

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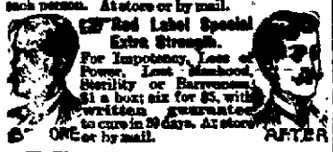

H. W. Bell, the druggist, sole agt., cor N. Main and North Sts., Decatur, Ills.

Nature Knew

How many teeth were needed when she counted out thirty-two. She didn't make any to be extracted. You need all of them—even that aching one—but you don't need the ache. Proper care, if taken early, will prevent aches—if taken in time, will stop aches, and if not taken until too late to save the tooth by filling it we can crown it, thereby restoring its usefulness.

DR. CHILDS, Dentist.

Rooms 6 and 7, over Bradley Bros.

Fatality of Croup.

Statistics show that thousands of infants and children yearly die of membranous croup. We do not exaggerate when we state that every one of these innocents could have been saved had Foley's Honey and Tar been given in time. Can you afford to be without it in your household? H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

G. F. Canady of Homer was adjudged insane at Urbana and attempted to cut his throat when the verdict was announced.

There is No ? About It.

No question indeed with those who have used it, but that Foley's Kidney Cure, is absolutely reliable for all Kidney and Bladder diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The Most Fatal Disease.

It is not generally known that more adults die of Kidney trouble than any other disease. When the first symptoms of this disease appear, no time should be lost in taking Foley's Kidney Cure which is guaranteed or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

F. A. Coggshell of Ogden and L. B. Coggshell of Indianola have purchased and assumed editorial control of the Sidell Reporter.

Without A Rival.

As a positive cure for sprains, bruises, and pains of all kinds, Salvation Oil has no equal. Mrs. Frank Juif, 518 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Mich., writes: "I used Salvation Oil in my family and can say it has no rival as a liniment; it certainly cures pains. I sprained my ankle and it cured me and since then I have always used it for any pains and bruises." Salvation Oil is sold for only 25 cents. No other remedy will do the work as promptly.

POLICEMEN'S HELMETS.

In London They Are to Be Equipped with Electric Lights.

A plan is under consideration by the police authorities of London to equip the policemen's helmets with small electric lights to help illuminate the streets on foggy days. The device consists of a small incandescent bulb, mounted on the helmet without shade or globe. The current required to operate the light is furnished by a small pocket battery, which the policeman carries about with him.

It is estimated that sufficient current to run the little helmet-lamp for several hours can be carried in the pocket, and be replenished from time to time with very little trouble.

AN ENGLISH IDEA.
(London Police to Wear Electric Lights on Foggy Days.)

One who has never had to contend with a London fog can hardly appreciate just how important a part these helmet lamps may play. The fog settles down in a thick yellow haze, often rendering it impossible for a person to see his hand before him. Policemen obliged to stand on the crossings on busy thoroughfares are often in a very dangerous position. Several policemen standing at their posts of duty have been run down and killed. The helmet lamp would be a sort of guiding star to cabmen.

It is proposed to make the bulb of the lamp of reddish glass, because this color is visible at a much greater distance than ordinary white light. The fogs of London have a peculiar yellow color which renders them almost impenetrable to the ordinary yellowish white light of the street lamps. An ordinary gas flame, such as burns at the street corners, may sometimes be seen only within a radius of a few feet. The electric helmet lamps are in reality a curious sort of reminder of the so-called "link-boys" who were to be found in the streets of London in the last century.

LORD EVELYN CROMER.

He May Succeed Salisbury in the British Foreign Office.

Sir Evelyn Baring, Lord Cromer, who seems to be in favor as the successor of Lord Salisbury in the foreign office, is the man who has won such distinction as an agent of Great Britain in Egypt. Those who think that a strong foreign policy is needed now more than ever before for British supremacy in the east believe Lord Cromer to be just the man for the place.

Sir Evelyn is just 56 years old and has seen much public service since he entered the royal artillery in 1858. For four years he acted as secretary of Lord Northbrook, his cousin, while the latter was viceroy in India. In 1877 he was appointed a commissioner of the Egyptian public debt and in 1879, when the Khedive Ismail was deposed, he represented England and France as one of the controllers general. In 1880 Lord Cromer's services in Egypt received public recognition in his appointment to the office of finance minister on the vice royal council of India, under the Marquis of Ripon. In 1883 he succeeded Sir Edward Malet as British agent, consul general and minister plenipotentiary in Egypt.

LORD CROMER.
(Salisbury's Probable Successor in the British Foreign Office.)

Lord Cromer is a man of quick decision and great determination. He would, so his friends believe, conduct the foreign office with such heartiness as to leave no doubt in the mind of the world as to what England proposes to do in the snarl in China. In Egypt he ruled with an iron hand and his titles and decorations bear witness to the esteem he is held in as an uncompromising servant of British supremacy.

Indians Practiced Dentistry.

Charles Noel, who has been examining a number of Indian mounds near Portsmouth, O., while recently excavating a mound on the Feurt farm, five miles from Portsmouth and on the banks of the Scioto river, found a skeleton which partially crumbled away when brought to the surface. Enough was saved, however, to show that the aborigines practiced a form of dentistry. All the teeth in the skull were sound save two, and these were filled by pearls.

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EAGLE BRAND
CONDENSED MILK
HAS NO EQUAL AS AN INFANT FOOD.
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STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY, } ss

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, 1886.

SEAL A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Heintzman & Co. of Metamora have purchased 20,000 bushels of corn and oats at 25 cents.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on H. W. Bell or N. L Krone and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

A beautiful pet deer belonging to John Hudson of Mowcaqua, was shot by some unknown person.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone

Samuel Kirkpatrick of Clarence, Ford county, had his flock of ten turkeys stolen the other night.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Capt. Charles A. Dunn of the Volunteers of America, has established a permanent post at Watseka.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

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Jacob Roth of Gibson City has bought the Denne implement business of that place and taken possession.

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6. Lot southeast corner Eldorado and Church streets, seven rooms.
7. Lot 48 feet front, 237 West Eldorado, eight rooms.
8. Lot 14, Warren & Co's 7th addition, North Edward street, in the orchard, vacant.
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Estate of Samuel Heft, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of Samuel Heft, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1898.
WM. W. HEFT, Executor.
Feb 8-d3w

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Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss In the Circuit
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Frances G. Winslow, executrix, etc., Complainant, vs. Frank L. Hays, et. al., defendants.—In Chancery No. 16518.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term of said court, A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, the 1st day of March, A. D., 1898,

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The east half of lot Nine (9) and Thirty (30) feet in width off of the west side of lot Eight (8), all in block One (1) of Berry H. Cassell's Fifth addition to the city of Decatur, situated in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 7th day of February, A. D., 1898.

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Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Friday, the 4th day of March, A. D. 1898,

at the hour of 2 o clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit:

Lots twenty two (22), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24) and twenty five (25) in block one (1) of H. A. Wood's Second Addition to the city of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 10th day of February, A. D. 1898

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Alexander McIntosh Complainant's Solicitor.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of John W. Young, Debtor.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that John W. Young, of the city of Decatur, county of Macon and state of Illinois, did, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1898, transfer to one John A. Dawson, as assignee, all his personal property (the said John W. Young not being possessed of any real estate) for the benefit of the creditors except such as is allowed him under the exemption laws or the State of Illinois, according to the provisions of an act concerning voluntary assignments; that the said John A. Dawson, on the 8th day of Januarp, A. D 1898, resigned as such assignee, and the undersigned was, by order of the county court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, appointed assignee in the place of John A. Dawson, on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1898.

All persons having claims against the said John W. Young are hereby notified to present such claims, under oath or affirmation, to the undersigned at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from the date hereof.

Dated this 11th day of January, A. D. 1898.
GEORGE K. MORGAN, Assignee.
Jan 11-d6w

Through Buffet Sleeping Car to Mackinaw, Mich.

Commencing June 21st, the Vandalia Line will resume through Pullman Buffet Sleeping Car Service between St. Louis and Mackinaw. Sleepers will run via Terre Haute, St. Joseph Grand Rapids and Petoskey-Bay View. This will be the only line of through cars from St. Louis to the delightful and cool resorts of Michigan. South-bound the last sleeping car for the season will leave Mackinaw Sunday night, September 26, 1897. For detailed information address nearest Vandalia Line Agent, or E. A. Ford, General Passenger Agent, St. Louis.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In the
MACON COUNTY, } Circuit Court.

James F. Thomas, Complainant, vs. Benedict M. Brookshier et al., Defendants—In Chancery, No 16535.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said Court, A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Saturday, March 12, 1893,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lot seven (7) of Mattie E. Blaine's Subdivision of Lots seven (7) and eight (8), in Block three (3), of Lake & Co's Addition of Outlots to the City of Decatur, situated in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 15th day of February, A. D. 1898.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Bunn & Park, Complainant's Solicitors.
Feb 18-d3w

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of Susan H. Abel, Debtor.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that Susan H. Abel, doing business under the name of Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co., of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, did, on the 12th day of January, 1898, transfer to the undersigned as assignee all her property, real and personal, for the benefit of her creditors, according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said Susan H Abel are hereby notified to present such claims under oath or affirmation to me at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.

Dated this 21st day of January, A. D. 1898.
Jan. 21-d6w J. W. RACE, Assignee.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Charles L. Griswold, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles L Griswold, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1898.
CHARLES L. GRISWOLD, JR., Administrator.
29 d3w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Henry F. May, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Henry F. May, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the March term, on the first Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1898.
ANDREW H. MILLS, Administrator.
jan 17-d3w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the county court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of Charles S. Hankins and against John S. Danley George M. Danley, I have levied upon the following decribed property, to-wit: The undivided interest of John S. Darnley in lots Four (4) and Five (5), Block One (1), Della Abbott's addition to the Village of Niantic, in Macon County, State of Illinois, taken as property of the said John S. Danley, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 1st day of March, A D. 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This 9th day of February, A. D., 1898.
J. F. NICHOLSON,
f10-d1d Sheriff Macon Co., Ill.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Plumbing and Heating company will be held at their office on Tuesday, March 1st, 1898, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of such business as may come before said meeting.

O. W. DAWSON, Secretary.
16-d1d

EXECUTRIX NOTICE.

Estate of Joseph K. Love, Deceased

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of Joseph K. Love, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April, 1898, next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1898.
ELIZA J. LOVE, Executrix.
Feb 16-d3w

THE

PROCLAMATION

—OF—

KING REX

having been issued, it now remains for his loyal subjects throughout the land to proceed to the Festive City,

NEW ORLEANS,

and pay tribute to His Majesty, by participating in the festivities of

MARDI GRAS

which for the present year will be held on

FEBRUARY 22.

For this occasion the

Illinois Central R. R.

Company will sell tickets to New Orleans from stations on its line at VERY LOW RATES. Tickets on sale February 14th to 20th inclusive, with final return limit to March 19th, 1898.

CALIFORNIA
—VIA—
NEW ORLEANS.

Pullman Tourist Sleeping Car every Monday from Chicago through to Los Angeles and San Francisco, via New Orleans, in connection with the Southern Pacific Co., leaving Chicago on its fast "New Orleans Limited" train at 5:00 p. m. The Limited also connects at New Orleans daily with express train for the Pacific Coast, and on Tuesdays and Saturdays

Sunset Limited Annex

of the Southern Pacific, giving special through service to San Francisco. All Round Trip Tourist tickets to California reading via Illinois Central R. R. permit of stop over at New Orleans.

FLORIDA.

Daily through Sleeping Car to Jacksonville from St Louis, and sleeping car service from Chicago via the Illinois Central and connecting lines, by way of Holly Springs, Birmingham, Albany and Waycross. No change of Sleeping Car from Chicago except from one car to another, on same train, at a reasonable hour in the morning.

Homeseeker's Excursions

to certain points in the South on the lines of the Illinois Central and Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroads will be run on the first and third Tuesday of each month during February, March and April, in connection with which a

Through Tourist Sleeping Car

will be run to New Orleans and the South on these dates.

Tickets and full information concerning the above can be had of agents of the "Central" and connecting lines.

A. H. HANSON, Gen'l Pass Agent, Chicago.
d&w to Feb 22

WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Bement on Chicago Division Sundays at very low rates—good going and and returning Sunday only.

St. Louis and return. Tickets sold every Saturday afternoon and Sunday. One fare round trip.

Homeseekers' Excursions to principal points in the South, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month; good returning every Tuesday or Friday for 21 days. One fare, plus $2.00, for the round trip.

One way Settlers' tickets to the South sold on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at greatly reduced rates.

California tourists tickets, good returning nine months, with liberal stop over privileges in each direction, on sale daily.

Winter tourists tickets to the principal resorts in the south now on sale.

Call at the City Ticket Office for literature of the tourist, rates, etc., of the Klondike Gold Fields.

Tour of Old Mexico and return. Leaving Decatur Thursday, Feb. 17th, Personally conducted. $240.00 includes all expenses. For itinerary call at city ticket office.

Cleveland, Ohio, acct. Students Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, $12.45 round trip. Sell Feb. 22nd and 23rd; good returning till Feb 28th.

Champaign acct. Illinois Farmers Institute. $1.85 round trip, Tickets sold Feb. 22nd and 23rd, good returning till Feb. 25th.

New Orleans and Mobile account Mardi Gras. One fare round trip. Sell Feb. 16th to 25th. Good returning for 15 days.

Chattanooga, account National Educational Association Department of Superintendence. One fare round trip. Sell Feb. 20 and 21. Good returning till Feb. 28th.

Topeka, Kan., account National Buttermakers Association. One fare round trip. Sell Feb. 19th to 24th inclusive. Good returning till Feb. 28th.

Account Spring meetings of Merchants' Associations, at one and one third fare, on certificate plan: St. Louis, sell Feb. 26 to 27; March 6 to 13; April 3 to 16. Chicago, sell Feb. 23 to March 7; March 30 to April 6. Milwaukee, sell Feb. 23 to March 2.

For full information regarding dates of sale limits of tickets, rates, maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A Pollock, passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ills.

Railroad Column

R. R. TIME TABLES.

[Corrected to Nov. 15, 1897.]

Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO.	FROM CHICAGO.
12 ..... * 1:05 a m	13 ..... * 3:55 a m
14 ..... *11:45 a m	15 ..... * 3:55 p m
16 ..... † 9:20 a m	17 ..... † 7:35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.	**FROM ST. LOUIS.**
8 ..... * 4:05 a m	6 ..... * 5:25 a m
11 ..... * 7:00 a m	24 ..... *11:25 a m
25 ..... † 4:05 p m	14 ..... *11:42 a m
15 ..... * 4:00 p m	10 ..... * 8:58 p m
1 ..... *12:13 a m	2 ..... *11:17 p m.
7 ..... * 7:20 p m	12 ..... *12:55 a m
TO TOLEDO.	**FROM TOLEDO.**
5 ..... * 5:28 a m	1 ..... *12:10 a m
4 ..... *11:30 a m	7 ..... * 7:17 p m
2 ..... *11:20 p m	5 ..... * 3:50 p m
10 Ft W. acc., *1:30 p m	3 ..... * 3:20 a m
34 Eff. Acc. †4:40 p m	11, From Ft W †12:50 p m
	35 Eff. Accom †10:45 a m
TO QUINCY.	**FROM QUINCY.**
5 ..... * 4:07 p m	4 ..... *11:25 a m
13 ..... * 4:10 a m	12 ..... *10:50 p m
17 Spfd only † 7:40 p m	16 from Spfg. † 9:15 a m
35 ..... †10:55 a m	34 Eff. acm. † 4:35 p m
11 Bluff acm † 7:06 a m	10 frm Bluffs † 6:50 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1 ..... 10:35 a. m.	A No. 2 ..... 2:50 p. m
D No. 3 ..... 10:10 p. m.	A No. 4 ..... 6:25 a. m
A No. 11 ..... 2:30 p. m.	S No. 36 ..... 7:10 a. m
Depart for Peoria	**Depart for Evansville**
A No. 2 ..... 3:00 p. m.	A No. 1 ..... 10:45 a. m.
A No. 4 ..... 6:35 a. m.	D No. 3 ..... 10:20 p. m.
S No. 36 ..... 7:20 a. m.	A No 11 ..... 3:15 p. m.
A No. 10 ..... 10:35a. m.	"D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.
"A"—Daily Except Sunday.	

Vandalia Line.
In effect Dec. 11, 1897.

DEPARTS EAST.
No. 84—Freight, ex. Sunday ..... 6:35 a m
No 12—Except Sunday ..... 7:40 a m
No. 6—Except Sunday ..... 3:35 p m

FROM TERRE HAUTE.
No. 7—Except Sunday ..... 10:45 a m
No. 83—Freight, ex. Sunday ..... 5:00 p m
No. 21—Except Sunday ..... 7:05 p m

DEPARTS WEST.
No. 5—Ex. Sunday ..... 7:00 a m
No. 85—Freight, ex. Sunday ..... 7:00 a m
No. 7—Ex. Sunday ..... 10:05 a m

FROM PEORIA.
No. 6—Ex. Sunday ..... 3:20 p m
No. 86—Freight ex. Sunday ..... 4:10 p m
No. 4—Ex. Sunday ..... 9:30 p m

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 1 Pass ..... *2:25 p m	No. 4 Pass ..... *10:05 p m
No. 8 Pass ..... *4:00 a m	No. 2 Pass ..... †11:30 a m
" 7 ..... 10:00 a m	" 5 ..... 2:40 a m
" 9 ..... *8:00 p m	" 10 ..... 4:00 p m

*Daily. †Except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

Corrected to November 28th, 1897.
No. 118 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman ..... * 1:32 a. m.
No. 120 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman ..... * 1:52 a. m.
No. 704 to Chicago via Champaign ..... † 1:10 a. m
No. 104 Main Line North ..... * 1:26 a. m.
No. 126 Main Line North ..... † 6:10 p. m.
No. 702 Champaign Line Mixed leaves ..... † 2:45 p. m.
No. 117 Diamond Special to St. Louis via Pana ..... * 3:13 a. m.
No. 119 Daylight Special to St. Louis via Pana ..... * 3:37 p. m.
No. 125 Main Line South to Pana ..... † 9:30 a. m.
No. 103 Main Line South to Cairo ..... * 4:03 p. m.
No. 191 Local Freight South ..... † 7:45 a. m.
No. 703 from Chicago via Champaign, arrives ..... * 9:55 p. m.
No. 701 from Champaign Mixed Train arrives ..... † 10:30 a. m.

*—Daily. †—Daily Except Sunday.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Nancy J. Fisher, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of Nancy J. Fisher, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1898.
JESSE FISHER, Executor.
Feb 17-d3w

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXCURSIONS.

One way settlers' rates to points south and southeast. Tickets on sale the 1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month.

Winter tourist rates to points south are now on. Final limit of June 1st, 1898.

For information or tickets write or call on W. L. Smith, Union Depot, or T. Penlwell, 121 E. William street, Decatur, Ill.

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
jan 24-d&wtf

SOLID FACTS—

We do not profess to sell everything on earth cheaper than anybody else, but when the question is legitimate merchandise in our line, we flatter ourselves to be right on top of the heap.

Our low prices admit of no discount, and the qualities we give are the best premiums you could ask for.

These are Undisputed Facts

and there is no lever so powerful as plain and simple facts. This is the reason that we are making and presenting them to the people every day.

We Warrant Our

Prices to be Right—

That is, we absolutely guarantee them at least as low if not lower—equal all around excellence considered—than can be found anywhere. Our store must stand first in the estimation of the purchasing public.

...Otto E. Curtis & Bro...

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House Has Been Established Over 20 Years at

156 East Main Street, Decatur, Ill.

NEW SPRING STYLES.—

We have them in Ladies' Vesting Faced Shoes, the NEWEST THING OUT. What we have are seasonable fashions, such as are worn by people of good taste, and at popular prices, too.

F. H. COLE SHOE CO.

148 EAST MAIN STREET. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks in Sidewalk

DO YOU NEED ANY?

See Prices.

1 case Summer Corsets..25c
1 " DRAB Summer....49c
1 " White " 50c
1 " Short " ...$1.00

THERE'S a difference between CORSETS made exactly right and CORSETS made just to sell. Wear will soon betray this secret. ANTHONY sells all the popular makes and makes popular prices.

SEE—Thompson's Glove Fitting, Dr. Warner's, P D, R & G, American Lady, Etc, Etc.

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Heddick & Knesink —15 dtf

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 23-dtf

Smoke the Little J 5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

The grocers' profit is no concern of yours If you want the Electric Lustre Starch in Blue Packages insist on getting it. It is the easiest and quickest polishing starch made.—18 dlmo.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs L A Buckingham on Thursday afternoon The annual opening of mite boxes will be made

A Striking Answer

Prof Coombs, the evangelist, says a man came up to him on the train once, and said, "Aren't you a preacher?" "Yes, sir," replied the evangelist "Then will you please tell us why God don't kill the devil?" "Because he don't want to make an orphan of you!" was the reply

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed, also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk Durfee & Culp feb 9 dtf

Funeral of John Scanlan.

The funeral of the late John Scanlan was held Sunday afternoon at 3 30 o clock from St Patrick s Catholic church Rev Father Brady officiated and the burial was at the Catholic cemetery

Cigars.

Try our new Supreme Judge 5 cent cigars, the best in the market

L CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE

Retail Grocers.

I wish to inform you that I have secured the distributing agency of James Heekin & Co s celebrated Cincinnati High Grade Coffees In presenting these coffees to you I do so with the assurance that they possess absolute high grade qualities, being unsurpassed in purity, strength and fine flavor I would be pleased to have you investigate this line of highly recommended coffees For the proof of good coffee is in the drinking thereof Yours truly, D F. Riddell —15 tf

Fourteen New Remington Typewriters.

will be placed in the business college the first of the week Thursday, while in Peoria, Pres G W Brown of the Decatur school, gave an order for 61 new typewriters to be delivered to Brown's Business College Company The Decatur college will receive 14 of these machines

Moran-Turhune Wedding

Miss Pearl Terhune and Mark Moran were married this afternoon by Rev Father Brady of the St Patrick s Catholic church, at his residence They were attended by Miss Ella Vermillion and Edward Meyer Immediately following the ceremony the newly wedded couple, together with the immediate families and a few intimate friends, were driven to the home which has been handsomely fitted up by the groom for their occupancy at 1799 East Main street, and a wedding dinner served Miss Terhune is the daughter of Mr and Mrs I H Terhune of East William steet and has a large circle of friends among whom she is popular and much liked The groom is the brother of Undertaker Moran and is well known in the city

PERSONAL TAX NOTICE.

All persons having Personal Tax against them on the tax books for 1897, have been mailed a card stating the amount for the same. You are requested to call at my office and pay the same and save additional costs

Bring your postal cards with you. Leave your receipts for last year in order to expediate the finding of property

Office open evenings until 9 o'clock.

LANDY H. MARTIN,
Collector.

Mrs. Hill Improved.

Dr M D Pollock assisted by Dr M P Parish Saturday afternoon performed a difficult operation upon the wife of Alderman O D Hill Mrs Hill has been very ill but is improved in condition today.

GIVE THE CHILDREN A DRINK

called Grain-O It is a delicious, sparkling, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves It is not a stimulant but a health builder and children as well as adults can drink it with great benefit. Costs about ¼ as much as coffee. Price 15 and 25c.

WAS FOUND DEAD

Mrs. Mary S. Hughes Passed Away Suddenly,

DEATH WAS UNEXPECTED

She Had Been Ill but was Not Thought to be Serious—Victim of Foot Ball Dead—Funeral of John Scanlan.

Mrs Mary Sweney Hughes, wife of Thomas Hughes, was found dead in her bed this morning at 7 10 o'clock at her residence, 208 North Broadway Mrs Hughes had been ill for some time but it was not supposed that her condition was serious, and her death was unexpected

Mrs Hughes has been suffering with rheumatic fever for several weeks Last evening she was suffering considerably and Miss Lula Knox, a niece of Mr Hughes, who makes her home with the family, sat up all night with Mrs Hughes At about 6 30 Miss Knox gave the invalid some medicine and left her, and when she returned to the room a few minutes after 7 o clock she found Mrs Hughes dead Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure was called and will hold an inquest.

The maiden name of the deceased was Mary Sweney She was born in Pennsylvania and was 54 years old She came to this city when she was a young girl and was married to Thomas Hughes in 1866 She resided in her late residence for the past 26 years Mrs Hughes had no children but leaves three brothers, Edward, John and Hughes, and one daughter, Maggie Etley, all of St Louis She also leaves an adopted son, William Curry and Miss Lula Knox, a niece of Mr Hughes, who has made her home with the family Mrs Hughes was well known in Decatur and was highly esteemed by her many friends She was a member of St Patrick's Catholic church and was one of the most prominent women in the congregation

The time of the funeral has not yet been decided upon but will be announced later

Death of an Infant.

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Frank Bonds died Sunday morning at 10 o clock at the family residence in Long Creek township

The funeral was held today at noon and the burial was at the Mt Zion cemetery

VICTIM OF FOOT BALL.

Arthur Keating Injured an Ankle and Died Sunday of Blood Poisoning.

Arthur Keating, the 17 year old son of Mr and Mrs George Keating died of blood poisoning Sunday at the family home, No 918 North Charles street The young man s death was due to an accident he received while playing foot ball A week ago while playing in a game he sprained his ankle and blood poisoning set in He became seriously ill last Thursday and gradually grew worse until he died on Sunday.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from St Patrick s Catholic church The services were conducted by Rev Father Brady and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery

School of Law.

The School of Law, of the University of Illinois, was opened September 13, 1897 Forty three students registered in the school and junior and senior classes were at once organized The course, as originally planned covered two years, in conformity to the ten existing requirements for admission to the bar of Illinois Radical changes were, however, made necessary by the rules of the supreme court of the state enacted in November, requiring a three years' course of study as prerequisite to the admission of a candidate to examination This increased requirement was received with satisfaction by those in charge of the school, and the course of study was immediately rearranged on a basis of three years

The undertaking has sufficiently advanced to make its success assured, and it is confidently expected that the school will open with at least one hundred students in the fall of 1898

The development of the school will make necessary the engagement of a new assistant professor who will begin his work with the fall term of 1898

Judge Benjamin R. Burroughs will give a course of three lectures at the university on the subject of "Land Titles in Illinois" The lectures will be given on Friday evening, March 4 and March 18

Knee Injured.

Charles Schilske, a miner employed at the old coal shaft was injured on Saturday by a huge stone falling near him and in striking the ground turned slightly and fell against his knee Dr Bowers, who examined the injury found severe concussion of the lower part of the knee cap and has forbidden Mr Schilke to work for several days as there is danger of serious inflammation

The Library.

The public library will be closed on Tuesday, February 22, Washington birthday.

PERSONAL.

—Miss Grace LaForce is ill.

—Dr Everett J Brown is in Chicago.

—Miss Grace Hamsher is the guest of friends in Peoria

—O E Hopkins of Ottenheimer's clothing house is ill

—Roy E Berger of St. Louis spent Sunday with Decatur friends

—Miss Addie Humble left today for Florida

—Mrs M F Metz of North Jackson street is ill

—Joseph Huesing of Springfield spent Sunday with Fred Clark.

—Dr O T Eddy is in Chicago attending the Odortological Dental Clinic

—Dr W C Bowers made a professional call at Long Creek this morning

—Mrs R V Cumming of Farmer City, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs Arthur Smith

—Mr and Mrs Charles Hastings have returned from a visit of three months at Bloomington

—Dr and Mrs H P Bachman spent Sunday with Dr and Mrs W T McLean at Maroa

—Mr and Mrs Schenck Stoutenborough of Maroa were in the city over Sunday, guests of Jacob Hanes and children

—Mr and Mrs Jason Kitchen of Bethany, parents of Mrs Scanlan attended the funeral of Jack Scanlan yesterday.

—M Nicolai of Clinton is in the city to receive treatment for his eyes Dr J W Sanders is the attending physician

—Mrs M M Martin and Mrs P J Cartoll of Litchfield are visiting with Decatur friends

—Ex Circuit Clerk Robert Reeves and daughter of Paris, were in the city today on their way to Springfield.

—Mrs J H Ahrens has returned from a visit of six weeks with friends at St Louis.

—J J Behen of St Louis was the guest of his brother, J E Behen and wife over Sunday

—The Hon and Mrs John S Lyman of Farmingdale are the guests of Dr and Mrs E A Morgan Mesdames Morgan and Eyman are sisters

—J F Knight, who has been in the city visiting his daughter, Mrs J F Knight, returned today to his home in Chicago

—Miss Mattie Randle of Anthony s millinery department is in Chicago attending the Spring millinery openings and purchasing Spring goods.

—Mrs Belle Sikes and daughter, who have been the guests of Mrs Sikes' parents Mr and Mrs W S Randle, have returned to their home at Chicago

—Mrs Alice G Evans is in Chicago to attend the meeting of the interstate library association which is being held at Evanston today and tomorrow

—Henry C Stevens of Chicago in the employ of the Merchants Loan and Trust company arrived in the city this afternoon to visit his grandparents, ex-Mayor and Mrs H C Conklin

—Mr and Mrs H W Campbell, who have been the guests of Mr and Mrs W H Starr of West Main street, and other friends returned to their home at Cincinnati last evening

—Mr and Mrs R T Reeve, who have been the guests of Mr and Mrs John A Reeve of West Macon street for the past week, returned to their home at Springfield this morning

—Miss Florence Coffin and sister, Mrs Murphy, of Indianapolis who have been the guests of Miss Schuler at the First M E parsonage, returned home this morning

At the Tabernacle.

Sunday the big revival at the tabernacle opened auspiciously, with large and enthusiastic audiences, despite the blizzard Evangelist Coombs preached at 10 45 on the "Power of Love," a tender, helpful sermon, many of his audience being moved to tears At 3 o'clock he lectured to an audience of several hundred men It was a clean, clear cut, vigorous address, and received hearty applause at several points The evening service began at 7 30 with a stirring song service in charge of Prof Calvin The new song books, 1000 of which have been purchased, is greatly liked, and the whole congregation seemed to enjoy the singing Rev and Mrs Hall sang a duet entitled "Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet," the choir joining in the chorus. Dr Roots' arrangement of Michael Costa's celebrated anthem, "Honor and Glory," was rendered, and then Prof. Coombs delivered an eloquent and powerful sermon on "Christ in History, Art and Heart." At the morning service Mr. M Curtis Jones took membership with the church and at the evening invitation, two more gentlemen, Mr L C McMillan and George Naylor. Services every evening at 7 30.

Republicans of the First.

The Republican voters of the first district are requested to meet at the Brinkmeyer bowling alley on North Water street at 7 30 p m Tuesday, February 22, for the purpose of electing a chairman to succeed W H. Black, who has left the city D A Maflit, chairman; W. N Andrews, secretary, township Republican committee —21-d3t

David Brown of Fairlands, Champaign county, has lost 15 shoats with cholera.

CIRCUIT COURT

Business Resumed ToDay by Judge Vail.

THE NEW PETIT JURYMEN

They Will Report for Duty on the Last Day of the Month--The Docket Entries.

The January term of the circuit court was resumed this morning

COMMON LAW CASES

Anna Diehl vs J R Gorin, administrator, appellant, appeal from county court Motion to strike amended claim from files and motion overruled and rule to file bill of particulars discharged

John Edwards by his next friend, Charles J Edwards vs Decatur Cereal Mill Company, trespass on the case Demurrer to additional counts Demurrer confessed and leave to amend instantor and rule to plead tomorrow morning

DIVORCE GRANTED

In the circuit court Saturday Judge Vail granted to C A Daigh a divorce from his wife who resides in St Louis It was granted on the grounds of desertion Mr Daigh has been in the city for some time past making the repairs at the city water works.

NEW JURYMEN

The following are the names of the new jurymen who will report for service Monday morning, February 28

Decatur—R A Miller, H G Boyer, C B Adkeson, James Coop, B W Dillehunt B B Babcock J W Barth, Henry Bauer, J G Boyd, James Cherry, Fred D Darwin, J W Gilbert, F W Caldwell T W Battles, John Gauer

Austin—W Heft, Daniel McDonald

Friends Creek—H E Dickey, Manford Beckham, H Brenan, F W Myers

Hickory Point—A Bessler

Harristown—Frank Crum

Long Creek—H P Clark

Milam—W H Overlin

Mt Zion—James Armstrong

Oakley—John C Burley

Pleasant View—E P Brower

South Macon—C E Atterbery John H Combs, A J Cook, Joe Procter

[illegible]th Wheatland—W W Knipple C [illegible]lls

[illegible]hitmore—Samuel Garver, D M Good

GARVER CASE IN COURT.

Appeal from the County Court on a Claim of Anna Diehl.

Among the suits to be disposed of during the present session of the circuit court is that of Anna Diehl vs the estate of the late David Garver It is an action on an appeal from the county court where the plaintiff secured a verdict for about $1000 less than the amount claimed David Garver was quite helpless it is claimed during the last months of his life and he was taken to Oregon by his daughter Mrs Diehl, and her nephew a grandson of David Garver They were with the old gentleman until his death Mrs Diehl presented a bill for her services against the estate, and later on amended her claim by filing a larger one The other heirs caused the administrator to contest the claim with the result as stated in the county court

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The regular assembly dance will be given tonight at Guards' armory under the direction of Mrs Cassell

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WASHINGTON'S

Observed in Philadelphia and Chicago--Great C[illegible]

TALKS BY M'KINLEY

Two Thousand University S[illegible] dent the Greeting Yell--dom Extolled--Rec[illegible] Harrison in [illegible]

Philadelphia, Feb 22 —Two thousand students from the University of Philadelphia marched past the residence of Provost Harrison this morning and gave the university yell and President McKinley appeared on the veranda and bowed The collegians then marched to the Academy of Music where the annual Washington s birthday ceremonies of the university were held The edifice was packed The exercises began at noon. President McKinley was introduced by Provost Harrison in a neat address

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

President was received with the 'varsity cheer, ending with his name He proceeded to deliver the oration of the day He said in substance:

The president began by referring to the proud title of the University of Pennsylvania, to the veneration of Washington's memory in the fact that it was founded in colonial days, 50 years before Pennsylvania became a state and the further fact that the Washington alumnus of that institution having conferred on the first president the degree of doctor of laws in 1783 The president then sketched the points in Wasington's career as a peerless soldier and marvelous genius as a constructive statesman, dwelt on the earnestness with which Washington advocated general education as a national safeguard, leaving in his will a bequest to be devoted to free public instruction, adverted to his reliance on God as evidenced in his writings and life, and to his abhorrence of slavery, though a slaveholder Then he took up these points from Washington s farewell address Cherishing public credit the observance of good faith, justice toward all nations, which may be supposed to have particular application to existing political problems On the former the president said Cherish public credit " How much both of reflection and instruction is combined in this simple admonition of the father of his country 'The United States emerged from a bitter prolonged struggle, the revolutionary war It was exhausted financially, with hundreds of existing perplexities and difficulties which remained to be solved before the final call for the credit of the new nation could be established at home and demonstrated abroad But Washington knew how to gather about him and place in position of great trust able financiers and economists whose names the country still venerate and whose great work it still enjoys —Hamilton, Morris, Gallatin and others were successful in establishing the treasury and inaugurating the financial operations of this government upon principles which are recognized as the most enduring basis of national credit and national honor That whatever other assets we might have or acquire, that we would possess indispensible, first, last and all the time, if we would cherish public credit

"We have been fully rewarded all along our history by adhering to the principles of Washington in keeping the public faith Before half the century passed we had paid off the national debt, had a balance in the treasury Another debt, the greatest in our history was incurred in the civil war for the preservation of the Union, but this did not exceed the resources or discourage the intentions of the American people There were those who suggested repudiation, but the people repudiated them, and went on unchecked discharging the obligations of the government in the coin of honor From the day our flag was unfurled to the present hour no stain of just obligation violated has yet tarnished the American name This must and will be as true in the future as it has been in the past There may be prophets of evil and false teachers some part of the column may waver and wander away from the standard, but there will ever rally around it a mighty majority to preserve it stainless and in honor "

On the other point in Washington's farewell address the president said "At no point in his administration does Wash-